



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

May 2026

Thirty attended the April community-wide meeting and rallied to save this community. The largest attendance in six years. We have candidates for seven offices plus additional volunteers who provide crucial support to the committee. A BIG Thank You for all who attended!

See the minutes of the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter for the names of the six running for elected offices, plus Mark Edwards will run for the second permits slot. Some of the elected positions will be for one year and some will be for two years. This is because the CCRs require the election terms be staggered.

Barbara Hillery is not running, but she remains an important volunteer. She is helping me with the election process and she will help train the new welcome walkers and landscaping person. Sharon Martinson has agreed to help train the two new permit people. Dick Bartolucci is running for treasurer, but he is relinquishing his role as the Advertising point person, and training Rebecca Collins to take over that job. Kathy Long is taking on the dual jobs of Real Estate Liaison and Data Base Administrator.

Ballots will be mailed to owners in middle May and will be counted on June 27. **If any owners have changed their mailing address in the last year, please inform the committee.** Mark Valle, newsletter editor, handles the counting of ballots. Those of us on the ballot cannot also count them. If you want to be assured the ballots are counted fairly, contact Mark and sign up to help him.

Everybody has an opinion. Here are two ways to express yours:

1. The committee is considering replacing the newsletter column "The Ten Thou Shalts of Costa Serena" every other month with a half-page column, "Did you know?" For example, did you know that children and grandchildren can stay with a resident 60 days a year? We are approaching the summer season when we are likely to see more children in our neighborhood. If you have a suggestion for a "Did you Know" column, please email or text a committee member.

2. Recently, a resident suggested that we – "We" means all of us – create a mission statement for Costa Serena. A mission statement sort of exists at section 2.8 of the CCRs. However, the language is stilted: "The Committee is responsible to enforce ... age verification in order to prove senior citizen ... status." If you have a suggestion for a mission statement, please send to a committee member.

Steve Good, Chairperson

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

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Fire Prevention	760-435-4100	Protection for Fraud (AARP)	877-908-3360
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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 hotlne)	888-670-1360
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The following e-mail address goes to all members of the City Council: Council@oceansideca.org			

PERSONAL ADS

For Sale: Maytag 18" dishwasher for under the counter. Works great. \$40. 760.696.8878

There was a person who mentioned their HVAC technician installed their new equipment in the attic. I would like to talk with you about it. Would you please call me? Thank you! 760.696.8878

For Sale: 6 lite-weight fishing poles, wading boots n more. Make an offer; Gotham Steel Electric Smoke-less Grill & Griddle. \$30.00; Side table/Night stand – 26" wide, 26" High, 18" deep. \$30.00
Call Bill or Terri@ 760-431-9881.

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

Poker---Players are needed for a friendly poker game. We play every Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:00. It's a great time if you like to play cards and socialize. Please text Kathy at 858.947.8232 if you are interested. Text your name and number, and I will get back to you.

Wanted: Someone to do a basic tax return at a reasonable price. They would need to come to my home. Call Ellen for more info. Thanks 858 663-9258

Wanted: Any and all back issues of the Costa Serena monthly newsletter from 2020 or earlier. Call or text Steve Good at 785-861-0250; or drop off at 3526 Santa Maria.

Wanted: 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

Book Sale: Vintage and Book Sale, Vintage treasures & \$1 Hardbacks, .50 paperbacks
Civic Center Library Community Room 330 N. Coast Hwy, June 20, Saturday 10am-4pm

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

BALLOT COUNTING SEASON

Hi Folks,

It's that time of year again. You'll be getting your ballots in the mail soon. Please vote. Once they're returned, we need volunteers to help conduct the ballot counting process. We are looking for about five people to make it smooth and efficient. Please join us. **Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 A.M. Sharon Martinson has graciously offered her house, 3280 Pearl Lane**, to conduct the counting. Refreshments will be served. Please contact me at valleafcon@yahoo.com or 760-458-0914 to confirm your participation. (An event reminder will be in the June newsletter as well). Thank you all.

Mark Valle

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have one open case and one case was closed. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to let me know about possible underage people living in our community; it takes all of us working together to 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, 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. Your input will remain confidential. 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

Vacant

Permits Reports:

Vacant

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

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.

12 Words That Changed Meaning Over Time

The English language is a constantly evolving tool for humans to communicate and express ideas. Over time, words can take on new meanings and uses as society changes. This list of twelve words showcases how the English language has evolved and adapted over the years. (liberty.edu)

Language history course (will continue sequentially at bottom of pages 6,9,10,11,12)

Word 1: Awful

The word awful was once used to describe something as "full of awe", or something to be respected and admired. It has since taken on a more negative meaning, describing something as extremely bad.

Word 2: Nice

The word nice used to mean "stupid" or "foolish", but over time has become a more positive term. It is now often used to describe something as pleasant or agreeable.

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 Sight.
- Thou Shalt Comply with CC&Rs.

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

RECYCLE REPORT

Ready for May Gray? Hello fellow recyclers. In April we added \$154.26 to our account for a total of \$674.39 to-date. Slow, but sure we'll get to \$1,000 by the end of June!...

Mark wants to thank you for separating empty, clean, dry plastic, glass and aluminum containers, and for removing caps to make it easier (and faster) for him. Don't forget to put those caps in the bag tho.

YES to rinsed -- Aluminum beverage cans -- Glass soda, beer, wine bottles -- Plastic ice tea containers
-- Anything marked CRV, California Redemptive Value

NO money for -- Opaque plastic juice, milk and water bottles, unless marked CRV

-- Colored plastic, such as: yogurt, detergent, bleach, Ensure, etc

Just 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 and/or have questions. Don't forget to take some empty bags when you drop off. Most just had water bottles in them. There's probably enough for your neighbors too.

Funny days to celebrate: 5/2 Free Comic Book Day, 5/3 National Lumpy Rug Day, 5/9 National Lost Sock Memorial Day, 5/14 National Dance Like A Chicken Day, 5/18 National Visit Your Relatives Day, 5/23 National Lucky Penny Day, 5/29 National Put A Pillow On Your Fridge Day, 6/6

And don't forget 5/2 The 152nd Kentucky Derby, 5/6 National Nurses Day, 5/8 Victory in Europe Day, 5/10 Mother's Day, 5/15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, 5/16 National Armed Forces Day, 5/25 Memorial Day

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Held at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave, Carlsbad, CA, room 118, from 10:00-11:00 am.

Committee members in attendance: Dick Bartolucci, Steve Good, and Barbara Hillary. Thirty members from the community attended. Someone said it was the largest attendance at a community meeting since after Jim Fix died in mid-2020.

This was a special meeting to enlist volunteers and candidates for office. Chairperson Steve Good made the case for why volunteers were needed. "How did we get to the point where the committee is considering disbanding? One day we appear to be fine and the next day the sink is shipping. How can this be?" Steve said it was sort of like how a person goes bankrupt. Gradually, then suddenly when the tipping point is reached.

In the past, committee members found it easier to take on more jobs themselves than to enlist volunteers. Society is more frayed and divided now than it was 55 years ago when Costa Serena was built. 55 years ago everyone here was an owner; now 40% are renters. Perhaps another 40% of our residents are too mentally or physically frail to volunteer. Another 10-15% are the haters and naysayers; and another 10-15% work. Only 22% make financial donations. Gradually, then suddenly.

There was much open discussion about similar communities, like Oceana, Peacock Hills and one in Encinitas. We are not an HOA, but rather a deed-restricted senior community with no dues. According to one resident, there is only one other community like ours in the entire state. Oceana is ostensibly in financial crisis and Peacock Hills which has mandatory dues is unhappy with the management company it has hired. The secret sauce that makes ours work, ironically, is volunteers.

Those who volunteered for committee positions at the meeting are:

1. Debbie Daigle and Shane Gray, Secretary
2. Steve Good, Chairperson
3. Robert Amezquita, Permits
4. Holly Thill, Landscape
5. Joe Momber, Age Compliance
6. Dick Bartolucci, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Good, secretary

Word 3: Cool

The word cool was once used to describe someone as "calm" or "collected". It has since taken on a more informal meaning, describing something as fashionable or desirable.

Word 4: Awkward

The word awkward was once used to describe something as "inconvenient", or difficult to deal with. It has since taken on a more social meaning, describing an individual or situation as socially uncomfortable or embarrassing.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE

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.

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

MAILBOX: Mail boxes have been opened at night by unidentified people. Please don't leave mail sitting overnight. ALSO, IT'S A FEDERAL OFFENSE TO PUT UNAUTHORIZED PARAPHERNALIA IN MAILBOX.

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

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY: If you would like to receive the newsletter by email instead of paper delivery, contact Lisa Datri, costaserenanewsletter@gmail.com

(Dear Resident, You may have noticed we cleaned up our "Community Information and Assistance" page. Some items may have over-stayed their usefulness. If an item was deleted that you feel is useful and reinstating it is imperative, please contact Steve Good or myself. Thank You, Mark Valle)

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of March 25, 2026				\$31,777.32
Debit	4/13/26	Walmart	Envelopes	-\$39.85
Debit	4/13/26	Amazon	Labels	-\$36.21
Debit	4/14/26	Amazon	Labels	-\$29.24
Debit	4/15/26	USPS	PO Box Rental	-\$216.00
1081	3/31/26	Copymax	Printing	-\$345.61
1084	3/27/26	Committee Member	Refund Error	-\$129.99
Debit	4/13/26	Costco	Stamps	-\$799.14
Debit	3/27/26	Amazon	Refund	\$129.99
		Meeting Donations		\$137.00
		Recycling Donations		\$154.26
		Advertisers		\$180.00
		Donations		\$270.00
		Document Fees		\$50.00
Total Deposits				\$871.25
Ending Balance as of April 22, 2026				\$31,102.53

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Word 5: Bully

The word bully was originally used to describe someone as kind or friendly. It has since taken on a much more negative meaning, describing someone as aggressive or intimidating.

Word 6: Bad

The word bad used to mean "evil" or "wicked", but has since taken on a more general meaning. It is now used to describe something as unpleasant, undesirable, or of low quality.

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Word 7: Fanatic

The word fanatic was first used to describe someone as “inspired by God”, or someone who was very religious. It has since taken on a more negative meaning, describing someone as excessively zealous or extreme in their beliefs.

Word 8: Gadget

The word gadget originally meant “a mechanical device” or “an invention”. It has since come to refer to any small electronic device, such as a smartphone or laptop.

Word 9: Hip

The word hip was once used to describe something as “in fashion” or “trendy”. It has since taken on a more general meaning, describing someone or something as modern or popular.

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 4th Wed of the month for following month. Email to valleacon@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 any board member. Thank you. CSAC

*****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*****

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

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

Word 10: Gay

The word gay once meant "happy" or "merry", but has since come to be used as an identity term for the LGBTQ+ community.

Word 11: Catastrophe

The word catastrophe was once used to describe a natural disaster or a great misfortune. It has since taken on a more general meaning, describing any event that has a disastrous outcome

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The Architectural Committee (CSAC) and the community thanks you so much for your continued support.

Word 12: Awesome

The word awesome was once used to describe something as “awe-inspiring” or “majestic”. It has since taken on a more casual meaning, describing something as impressive or exceptionally good.

This list of twelve words showcases how the English language has adapted and changed over time. Words can take on new meanings and uses over time, and it is important to be mindful of these changes when communicating with others.

That’s a perfect word and place to end this series, as we pay tribute to our awesome donors as well as our awesome volunteers, who keep this whole machine working!!!