

COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2025 A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Happy New Year Everyone:

Welcome to all of our new residents. Hope you all enjoy Costa Serena as much as the rest of us. This is the time when we are required by Housing and Urban Development to conduct our Age Surveys. Barbara Hillery, Age Compliance Committee Member, conducts these Surveys for CSAC and below is an explanation of that process.

A quick few reminders: Be sure and read "The Ten Thou Shalt's of Costa Serena" on page 12. Also there is a constant reminder on page 7 of this newsletter regarding dogs and property owners. I have been getting emails regarding dog owners not picking up after their dogs. I can't believe I have to remind our dog owners to do this.

Please read the following information from Barbara Hillery.

Resident Occupancy Surveys

Preserving The Community of Costa Serena's Senior status is our number one priority, but the Architectural Community cannot do it alone! We ask that everyone pitch in and help by completing the Survey and also by letting me or any Committee member know if you feel there is an age violation in our community.

For those of you who may be wondering why we conduct the Survey, The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24 – Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states in part "In order for a housing community to qualify as housing for older persons, at least 80 percent of its occupied units must be occupied by at least one person 55 years or older." This Regulation further mandates that all Senior Communities conduct a verification of occupancy at least once every 2 years.

I get a lot of questions about underage persons living in Costa Serena. There are exceptions and the California *Civil Code* 51.3 sets forth the guidelines for Qualifying Permanent Residents who are not yet 55 years of age, such as a spouse or domestic partner, and for Permitted Health Care Residents (caregivers) and disabled dependents.

Not everyone likes living in a community with rules and regulations; however, those rules and regulations are what keep Costa Serena a Senior Community!

In February, we will be sending out the Surveys to all residents for you to complete and return. We will include a cover letter and a return envelope for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hillery, Age Compliance Committee Member at 760-717-6387 or email barbara.hillery@gmail.com.

Cheers to all of you in the coming year.

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena January 11, 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

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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 hotlne	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: esanchez@oceansideca.o	rg
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The following e-mail address goes to all m	embers of the Ci	ty Council: <u>Council@oceansideca.</u>	org

PERSONAL ADS

For Sale: Elliptical for sale, \$200, call Bob at 760-917-2657.

For Sale: Wheelchair - In great condition. Only used for 3 weeks. Make an offer. Please call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881.

For Rent: I live here and looking for a new tenant in Costa Serena. Available December 5. Call 760-707-4441 for application and information

Free: Three foot tall Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy; I created them myself. Call 442-375-1394

Free: in Costa Serena ... 2 small citrus trees 2 years old. One lemon, One Mandarin. You will need to dig out and transplant. 760-458-7610

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

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

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.

QUIZ: Which sex has more taste buds? MALE OR FEMALE (Answer page 11)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have one open case. 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

From our CSAC family to your family, we wish you a healthy New Year in 2025 filled with warmth and cheer! We appreciate your dedication to keeping our community looking beautiful throughout the year. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

We hope the new year brings many good things and fewer weeds!

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Coral - Install windows and a door; Lile - New gutters
Seaflower - New roof to match neighbors close as possible; Magellan - New roof to match neighbors close as possible, Resurface driveway
Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Calle Osuna - New windows; Mira Pacific - New window and improvements **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.

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

RECYCLING

HAPPY NEW YEAR! In December we added \$156.24 for a grand total of \$2,082.26 for 2024. We made it over \$2,000! I want to thank my sweet husband for taking over the recycling, which was becoming more difficult for me. If you see him walking our dog, please give him a big thank you! We also want to 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 though.

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**: no solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example yogurt drinks, Ensure, SlimFast, bleach, etc or ANY cleaning product container No plastic juice and/or large <u>opaque</u> 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 bottles and anything else marked CRV or California Redemption Value. 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. Many just had water bottles in them. There's probably enough for your neighbors too.

January days to laugh at: 1/1 Z Day (putting words with Z first), 1/7 National Old Rock Day, 1/16 National Nothing Day, 1/21 National Hugging Day, 1/24 Global Belly Laugh Day, 1/30 Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

FINANCIAL

COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE					
Previous Balance As of November 27, 2024			\$22,134.28		
1050	12/11/24	Copymax	Printing	-348.51	
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00	
		Recycling Donations		\$156.24	
		Advertisers		\$315.00	
		Donations		\$710.00	
		Document Fees		\$150.00	
Total Deposits			\$1,331.24		
Ending Balance as of December 25, 2024			\$23,117.01		

^{***}PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9***

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WAS GOING TO BE <u>TO QUIT</u> ALL MY BAD HABITS....BUT THEN IT OCCURRED TO ME—NO ONE LIKES A QUITTER (facebook/jokes014)

Happy New Year

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

AARP SURVERY

We are fortunate to live here in our 55+ community of Costa Serena, many of us with the built-in support of our neighbors, but there may be many of you that are in need of more services. This is your chance to speak up! The City of Oceanside joined the AARP Age-Friendly Network on April 7, 2024, and is partnering with the Center for Excellence in Aging & Longevity at the San Diego State University Social Policy Institute to develop a 5-year action plan. This process will have multiple opportunities for community input about needs and priorities to make Oceanside more livable for older residents and all ages. The first step is to complete a survey by January 6, 2025. The plan consists of 8 domains of Livability: 1) Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, 2) Transportation, 3) Housing, 4) Social Participation, 5) Respect & Social Inclusion, 6) Work & Civic Engagement, 7) Communication & Information and 8) Community & Health Services. Here is the link to be able to access the survey:

https://sdsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 5sCHXFXY7qFZWuy

Thank you for participating to help make Oceanside an Age-friendlier city!! Michele Cyr, 3689 Seaflower Ln, Oceanside, Ca 92056 (951) 970-0372

LOST PARROT: REWARD. Please Help Me, LOST JASPER who is a Blue Crown Conure Parrot. My parrot flew to me but crows flew over and scared him. Last day I saw him October 21. Someone may have him now. I have had him for 30 years, and 25 years ago he was declared my service bird by our doctor. I'm sick at my stomach. Please bring him home safely. Thank You, SHERYL TISCH 760-207-6344

******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

QUIZ: In the spirit of abundant holiday flying... What is the oldest airline still operating today?

A) British Airways B) Avianca C) Lufthansa D) KLM Royal Dutch Airlines (Answer page 8)

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

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.

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 UNAUHTORIZED PARAPHERNALIA IN MAILBOX.

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@llccmail.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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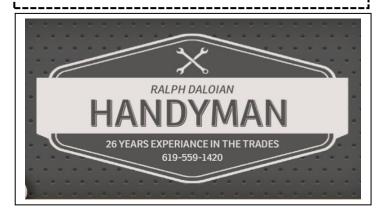
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The CSAC bears no responsibility for the content and accuracy of newsletter ads. It is the responsibility of the advertiser to develop an ad that correctly displays their message. We only review ads for inappropriate or illegal content. A reminder 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



WHAT ABOUT

Bob arrived in North County in 1956. His USMC father was assigned to Naval Weapons Station, Fallbrook. After high school, Bob joined the US Navy in 1968 and DD-214'ed in 1972. Seven years at Westin Hotels taught him about high-quality staging. In 1987 he became a Hotel General Manager while studying for his real estate broker's license. From 1989 to 2013 Bob sold new homes for Beazer, Centex & HBMS. As a Sales Manager he trained 91 Sales Associates. He was a Loan Officer with ARM La Jolla, owned a property management company & in 2014 attained his SRES Seniors Real Estate Specialist designation, the year he moved to Costa Serena. With over 500 families assisted in his 35 years in real estate, you can see that he brings education, experience, and good counseling to the table for his clients. If you know of anyone planning to sell a home, please ask them to call Bob for a free consultation on any real estate matters.

Bob Bekins 760-505-9397 Broker/Owner NCRA, DRE #01025757. 3281 Pearl Lane in Costa Serena

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: FEMALE; Sorry Guys. Women have more taste buds than men

We may argue about who has the better palate, but the truth is that women may have a slight advantage. Women generally have a finer sense of taste than men. In studies conducted by LIFE in the Department of food science, women that were studied were able to pick out tastes with a 10% greater accuracy. Men needed approximately 20% more sweetness in a test to recognize the difference and 10% more sourness. According to a Yale study, 35% of women fall under the category of "supertasters" because they have more taste buds than the average person. Only around 15% of men can make the same claim.

Thanks to everyone who decorated...below are a few examples... Once again, it was a festive Christmas Season in the neighborhood!!!

(Have fun roaming the neighborhood for houses; including those below)















