



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Hello to All of You,

Thank goodness Spring is right around the corner beginning March 20th and hopefully will bring with it wonderfully, pleasant spring weather. Other dates of interest are Daylight Savings Time begins March 9th and Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Although my deadline for writing this newsletter is the last week February, I'm already getting some of those pesky weeds with the yellow flowers. These are some of the toughest weeds in my backyard. Since we live in such a beautiful climate, the weeds are prolific and, once again, it will be time to clean up our yards.

Surveys: For those of you that returned your Surveys, thank you. There is still time to return your Survey. If you have any questions or need a new Survey, please contact Barbara Hillery, Age Compliance Committee Member, at 760.717.6387. Remember we are required by HUD to conduct a verification of occupancy at least once every 2 years. As stated previously, **"Preserving The Community of Costa Serena's Senior Status** is our number one priority" and we need your help by filling out the Survey form and returning it.

Speaker for our April 12th Meeting – Reminder: "Kathie Jackson founded Hospice by the Sea, a Medicare certified hospice agency in 1994 as a sole owner/operator. Her mission was and remains to be individualized hospice care in San Diego County. Kathie's first introductions to hospice services was as an Executive Director of a nationwide hospice. Kathie found this to be "cookie cutter" service designed with profit being the mission rather than service designed with each individual patient and family as the focus. To that end, Kathie remains today as the Administrator of Hospice by the Sea, now 30 years later and has chosen to resist being purchased by a larger organization, which would limit the provision of hospice services who live in a variety of settings. "Most Americans need more information about hospice services in order to make educated decisions about their end-of-life care. Considering the discussions taking place in the media, online and in other arenas, there is a growing consciousness about death and dying. We all deserve to live well with supportive services at the end of life. **We should all be able to die as well as we have lived.**" Ms. Jackson will explain to us the ins and outs of the services offered by Hospice as well as other pertinent information that we need to be aware of. **Please try and attend this very important meeting.**

A Little Something to Share: Article by the Mayo Clinic, **"kindness has been shown to increase self-esteem, empathy and compassion, and improve mood. It can decrease blood pressure and cortisol, a hormone directly correlated with stress levels."** So, as my Swedish mother-in-law would say, **"Be ye kind"**. You never know what's going on inside a person when you randomly come across one another. Have a Wonderful March and Wish you Good Health,

Best regards,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

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

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IMPORTANT HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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Humane Society	619-299-7012	Oceanside Alzheimer's Center	800-272-3900
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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

Free: 8 Folding Chairs; 1 Shower Tub Chair; 1 Walker with Seat. Excellent Cond. Bev, 760-439-6077

For Sale: ELECTRIC BIKE and ELECTRIC TRIKE. Adult Tricycle has electric assist front motor, 24" wheels, & 7 speed shifting, big basket, Like New Condition \$800. Nishiki Bicycle has electric assist rear motor, 26" wheels, 21 speeds, big seat and 3 big baskets \$600. Call Dave at (951)468-4563 leave message. I live in Costa Serena and will deliver.

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

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

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

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.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to complete their Biennial Resident Survey and return it. So far, we have received about half of the completed surveys, which is a good start. If you have not yet completed it, there is still time to do so! Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need a new form.

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

As Costa Serena enters our spring months, you could be a part of feeding over 24,000 servings of fruit and vegetables to dozens of SD food-insecure people for free! If you have surplus yard fruits or vegetables there are dozens of volunteers to extract or collect surplus stock. Produce Good is a well insured, 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation (EIN: #47-228-9712) You can be a big part of feeding SD undernourished by contacting Produce Good @ 760 492 3467 programteam@producegood.org <https://producegood.kindful.com/register/feeding-partner-registration-2024>

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Balboa Dr. - New roof to match adjoining neighbors as close as possible. Three permits are pending.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Buena Hills - Paint the house; 2 on Santa Maria - Re-pave the driveways;

2 on Isabella - Re-pave the 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

Spring arrives this month but it feels like it's here already.

Thank you for recycling - in February we added \$195.53 to our account for a total of \$333.78 already! It was a very good, if short, month. I've seen moving trucks unloading, For Sale signs coming down, and new people walking; don't forget to encourage new neighbors to recycle with us!

Also thank you for separating clean, dry plastic from glass and aluminum, and for removing caps to make it easier (and faster) for Mark. 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 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, 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 huge bag to make a quarter!

YES to clean, dry 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 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 enough for your neighbors too.

Celebrations in March: 3/1 National Pig Day, 3/5 Cinco de Marcho (in preparation for May 5), 3/9 Daylight Savings Day (ugh), 3/17 St Patrick's Day, 3/20 First Day of Spring, 3/20 Won't You Be My Neighbor Day, 3/30 Doctor's Day

FINANCIAL

COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE				
Previous Balance As of January 22, 2025				\$25,180.26
1051	1/27/2025	Copymax	Printing	-\$479.15
1052	1/27/2025	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-\$1.19
1053	2/5/2025	Copymax	Printing	-\$312.87
1054	1/30/2025	Committee Member	Supplies	-\$767.25
1055	2/5/2025	Copymax	Printing	-\$346.90
1056	2/24/2025	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-\$112.50
		Recycling Donations		\$195.53
		Advertisers		\$495.00
		Donations		\$2,110.30
		Document Fees		\$200.00
Total Deposits				\$3,000.83
Ending Balance as of February 26, 2025				\$26,161.23

PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

NO MINUTES TO REPORT

HUMAN INTEREST STORY (submitted by Steve Good)

Costa Serena Home gets mural painted by Inka Zamoyska. Inka Zamoyska, a renown Polish artist, has completed a mural in a home in Costa Serena, which depicts the home's backyard view. The kitchen wall painting remains accurate to the basic elements of the view, but it's not an exact reproduction. Inka was born in Canada of Polish parents who escaped during World War II. Her father was held captive at Dachau and Auschwitz. In 1945 as the war was ending, the German Gestapo took about 130 of the top prisoners to bargain with as hostages and marched them to Austria, where they managed to escape. (See, Wikipedia article, "Transport of concentration camp inmates to Tyrol.") Inka's ancestral residence, a palace of the Zamoyski family in Poland was taken over by the Germans in WWII and nationalized by the communists in 1944. Inka's family never obtained the return of their home after the war. However, today the former home of her parents is now a museum. (<https://www.muzeumzamoyskich.pl/>) Inka moved to the United States at age 23, married, and followed her left brain and right brain by becoming both an artist and an accountant. She moved to Southern California about 20 years ago, transfixed by the area's natural beauty. Her co-workers would stop by her cubicle, marvel at her paintings, sit and rest. Merely looking at the painted land and sea scapes was calming, allowing the eye and mind to wander. Learn more at Inka's website: <http://www.inkazamoyskafinearts.com>.



(Residents are encouraged to submit profiles, for review, of folks in our community)

KEEPING TRACK OF POLICE AND FIRE ACTIVITY IN OUR AREA

These online maps display recent police and fire/EMS responses in Oceanside.

Police: <https://bit.ly/cs911>

Fire/EMS: <https://bit.ly/cs912>

Select the map tab and manually zoom to the Costa Serena neighborhood. On the OPD map, I usually select "last 48 hours" to see everything.

The maps do not display specific addresses and the pinpoints are not precise. Responses can also take up to a half hour to appear. Bob

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hi Folks. It's been brought to our attention that neighbors walking our sidewalks and streets, either early in the morning or late at night, are being harassed by other neighbors (residents). Please note that these pathways are public areas, to which everyone has a right of passage. Unless they're harassing, trespassing or loitering, they have as much right to those pathways as you do; even if they're in front of your house. So, please be kind to your fellow neighbors.

Thank you...CSAC/Editor

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.

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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.

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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a) Harry Truman b) George H. W. Bush c) Herbert Hoover d) Grover Cleveland



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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**



Updating the Home

My friends often ask me whether they should make changes to their home. Over the years I have learned a few absolute truths about the costs and the benefits. The first question with which I respond is, "How long do you plan to live in this home?" Their answer leads to two possible recommendations. With an anticipated long-term relationship with the home, they should do what makes them happy and worry about the effects on the sale down the road. With shorter stays, resale value may be the most important consideration. VERY FEW upgrades actually pay in selling profits versus what we pay for the improvement. Here is the exception – if a buyer is going to look at stained carpets, unpainted walls, or chipped counter tops and wonder, "What else is wrong with this house?" then that must be upgraded before selling to maximize the money received at the close of escrow. So many sales have helped me become a very good judge of what will pay off. I am here for a visit or a phone call to help you make those decisions even if you are not selling soon.

Bob Bekins 760-505-9397 Broker/Owner NCRA, DRE #0102575
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!!!

**HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY TO ALL AUTHENTIC IRISH AND.....
ALL WHO WANT TO CELEBRATE LIKE ONE!!!**

This is the second in a series on “emergency preparedness” intended to benefit our residents

The Costa Serena Architectural Committee will offer our residences articles titled “Are You Prepared” for an emergency or disaster in the Oceanside area or your home? The first topic is the Emergency Exit Bag or “Go-Bag” when a moment's notice is all you have Here are some of the essentials- Each house member can create a Go-Bag or one bag for the family. You may already have these articles around the house, but when time is of the essence-Grab and Go is critical. Ray Brown

MAIN SUPPLIES

Potable Water
Non-perishable food and
Pet food- poop Bags
Plastic utensils
Important Documents (thumb drive)
First Aid Kit
Extra prescription glasses
Prescription medication
Cell phone and charger
Flashlight/headlamps
Cash
Batteries
Emergency Blanket

BASIC SUPPLIES

Writing paper
Lighter matches
Gloves (rubber)
Knives/multi-tool
Backpack
Toilet paper disposables
Toiletries
Socks/Warm cover
Soap/ Towels
Plastic Bags/ Poncho

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

Two-way radio
Sunscreen
Tarp
Rope
Adhesive Tape
Portable Gas Stove/Gas
Medicinal supplies

Note: weapons are not allowed in emergency shelters

FLAG RULES

Here are some interesting guidelines when flying our flag. I've highlighted the most salient points related to home use:

- **The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.**
- **The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or floor.**
- When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
- When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
- The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
- **The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.**
- **The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on memorial day then raised to the top of the staff.**
- Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- **The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.**
- **The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.**

Per Lee....www.VFW.ORG