

COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2024 A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Spring! This is the time of year we need to clean out and organize our "stuff". Don't forget we have a speaker at our next meeting, April 13th, who will present tips and tricks on how to declutter and tackle those "difficult to organize" spaces. Sherry Gangel, a Costa Serena resident, is a professional organizer and will speak on creating a sustainable system that will allow you to maintain your space once you have everything in place. As Sherry says, "come find out who you are in relation to your 'stuff' with this fun, interactive presentation".

The above goes right into the next topic: **Costa Serena Garage Sale**. The dates for the community garage sale are June 14th (Flag Day), June 15th and 16th. This should give us all plenty of time to prepare. If we pay attention to our April speaker, it should be easier for us. Several residents have told me that the first day of the garage sale, Friday, was their busiest.

Vandalism: We have had several instances of vandalism in our Community. Cars have been rifled through looking for cash or whatever. Also, bikes have been stolen from backyards. This problem keeps getting bigger. Call the police immediately. The more people that call them, the more they might listen. We need a better police presence. **Keep your porch lights on no matter if it bothers your neighbor or not. This simple act can help deter a criminal action.**

Political Signs: Please read the rules regarding political signs on page 4.

Parking on front walkways, front yards or side yards is not allowed in Costa Serena. Please remember that you have neighbors.

Speaking of front yards; your neighbors do NOT appreciate looking at your "junk" or messiness in your front yards. When residents move in here, they are attracted to our neighborhood because (for the most part) it looks fairly well kept. So why move in and just ignore that you also have neighbors that don't appreciate looking at your mess. There are a few yards that are completely "out of control". Please comply with our CC&Rs, Article III, Section 3.11. If you need clarification, please give me a call and we will go over it. In short, please keep your yards in an orderly fashion.

Calling on all interested residents, yes, this means you. Please consider becoming a member of our Committee. By becoming a member, you can help in making Costa Serena a better place to live.

Our July 13th meeting will have a speaker, Lynn Phillips, speaking on "7 Easy and Affordable Ways to Improve the Beauty and Value of Your Home". Be sure and mark your calendars.

Reminder: April 13th we will have a professional organizer speaking. Hope you all can make it. This should be a fun and informative meeting.

Best regards,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena April 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

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

PERSONAL ADS

For Sale: Phillips brand: DVD /VCR Player-great shape; DVD/Progressive Scan, w/dubbing feature; VCR-4 head hi-fi stereo /One touch recording long play, w/tracking & recording feature with remote control and cable line features; \$60.00 cash. Will deliver. (760) 994 - 9805

For Sale: "Three king size memory foam sheets " 2-3 inches " very clean. Will accepting offer. Call Sam 760 917 5826."

For Sale: we want to help our daughter (she lives in Huntington beach) sell a small frenchie dog male, 2 yrs old and in perfect cond potty trained lap dog. worth at least \$5,000 but she is too busy, she only wants \$500. Jeff Rippey 951 314 7900

For Sale: Black Coach handbag, \$50, a Michael Kors white handbag, never been used, \$50 and a blue and also a pink Michael Kors handbag, \$25 ea. Ellen (858) 663-9258

For Sale: Garden Trimmer: \$25; Outside Lite \$15; Boogie Board \$20. Rod 760-822-9544

Free: I have a number of items that I would like to offer to our neighbors at no charge: Respmed Bipap supplies; Vast Medic (cleaner for Bipap tubing, etc); Rolling Walker; Wheelchair; Men's Depend underwear (size Large), Guards and Shields

Anyone interested can call/text (760-936-3320) or email teresafmcintyre@gmail.com

Free: Brother MFC-J497DW color printer. New black ink cartridge recently installed. Needs color cartridges. Runs good. Contact: Elizabeth Wayne (760) 660-3636

Wanted: Do you have an older car you've thinking about selling? Dave and Kris on Calle Osuna are looking for an AWD small to medium size car. Let us know if you have one for sell. davahunt@msn.com or leave a message (951) 659-2038. Thanks!

Wanted: I'm looking for fellow Costa Serena musicians who love classic rock & roll, and are interested in playing. If this sounds like you, and you play guitar, keyboards, bass, or drums, reach out to me at: forrestoverinLMFT@gmail.com

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!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have two open cases, one case with our attorney, 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

Political Signs: This is a reminder to all about State law governing campaign signs. Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act exempts the placing of temporary political signs from normal outdoor advertising display requirements. Temporary political signs must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election.
- 2. Is placed not sooner than **90 days** before the scheduled election and is removed within **10 days** after that election.
- Is no larger than 32 square feet.
- 4. Has filed a Statement of Responsibility certifying a person who will be responsible for removing the sign.

Temporary political signs shall not be placed within the right-of-way of any 660 feet of the edge of, and visible from the right-of-way of a classified landscaped. State law directs the Department of Transportation to remove unauthorized temporary political signs and bill the responsible party for their removal.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Gail - Apply roof shingles on the open area of the roof; Refresh the front of the house with existing paint color; Balboa - New windows and new roof; Coral - New concrete walkway.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Buena Hills - Add a Bath, also room addition and patio cover; Buena Hills - New driveway, Garage door and fence.

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

March's recycling added \$165.14 to our account for a year-to-date total of \$462.41. Some who donated have moved away, so don't forget to encourage your 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 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 yay - liquor and wine bottles are being recycled for MONEY again, altho they aren't paying much.

Remember that we can <u>NOT</u> 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 i.e. yogurt drinks, Ensure, SlimFast, laundry detergent, bleach 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 https://example.com/huge-bag 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 west gate at 3639 North Way or call/text Lynette 760-717-9121 for pick up. 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 in April: 4/7 National No Housework Day, 4/9 National Cherish An Antique Day, 4/12 Walk On Your Wild Side Day, 4/13 COSTA SERENA MEETING, 4/15 National Rubber Eraser Day, 4/21 National Tea Day, 4/22 Earth Day and National Jelly Bean Day, 4/28 National Pet Parents Day, 4/30 National Tie-Dye Day.

Hope that you didn't get fooled last Monday! See you at the meeting!!!

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of February 28, 2024			\$15,561.08	
1019	3/1/2024	Comm. Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-\$1,235.00
1022	3/22/2024	Comm. Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-\$845.00
Debit	3/24/2024	Committee Member	Postage	-\$13.60
1020	3/23/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$756.08
1021	3/23/2023	Copy max	Printing	-\$346.11
1023	3/25/2024	Committee Member	Supplies	-\$263.27
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
Recycling Donations			\$165.14	
Advertisers			\$255.00	
		Donations		\$865.00
		Escrow/Doc Fees		\$150.00
Total Deposits			\$1,435.14	
Ending Balance as of March 26, 2024			\$13,537.16	

PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No meeting minutes this month.

****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

CAR BREAK-IN

I accidently left our car unlocked 3/19 and in the morning, everything had been removed and tossed all over; from the glove compartment to the console center, to the trunk! There wasn't anything of value in the car so haven't seen anything missing. Just a heads up that would-be thieves are cruising Costa Serena. A friend on Seaflower just told me that he was awakened apx 4am that morning by his security camera. He yelled at the guy, who headed for Buena Hills and turned west on North Way.Reminding you:

Don't leave valuables in your car, EVER!

Double check every night to be sure your car is locked.

Leave your outside light(s) on overnight, or get a motion-detection light and/or security system installed if you can. Also bring your mail and newspaper(s) in every day. Lynette and Mark

<u>REMINDER:</u> 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

HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT APRIL

April 1, 1778 - Oliver Pollack invents the dollar sign \$.

April 1, 1/856 – Dexter Mason Ferry and partners found Gardener, Ferry & Church Seed Company, now called <u>Ferry-Morse</u>, the oldest seed company in America.

April 1, 1963 – Daytime soap opera General Hospital first airs on ABC.

April 1, 1976 – Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak found Apple computer from the garage of Job's parents' home in Cupertino, CA.

April 1, 2004 - Google introduces Gmail.

(SEE ENSUING PAGES FOR MANY MORE FACTS)

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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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 footforife@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



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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

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.

MORE HISTORICAL FACTS

April 2, 1513 – Explorer Juan Ponce DeLeon, claims Florida for Spain.

April 2, 1792 – Congress passes the Coinage Act and the U.S. Mint is born.

April 2, 1877 – The first Easter Egg Roll is held on the White House Lawn.

April 2, 1978 – The television series "Dallas" premieres.





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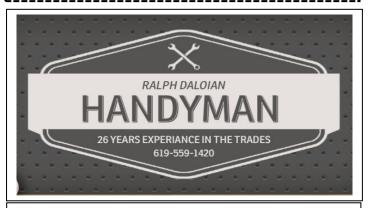
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MORE HISTORICAL FACTS

April 3, 1860 – The Pony Express begins delivering the mail.

April 3, 1882 – American outlaw Jesse James is killed by Robert Ford in his home in St. Joseph.

April 3, 1968 – The movie "Planet of the Apes" premieres at theaters across America.

April 4, 1887 – Susanna M. Salter is first woman elected mayor in the nation in Argonia, Kansas.

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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

MORE HISTORICAL FACTS

April 4, 1968 – Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated.

April 4, 1887 – Susanna Medora Salter first woman elected mayor in the nation in Argonia, Kansas.

April 4, 1949 – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is signed.

April 4, 1973 – In New York City, the World Trade Tower opens. At 110 stories, it is the tallest building in the world at the time.



CONTENT

Sometimes written words in the MLS do not evoke the five senses and the surrounding emotions which they produce. Photos may miss living elements like food in the kitchen, toiletries in the bathrooms, art on the walls, and this loses the joy of life which buyers desire. Let me give a content example about taste. "The well-equipped kitchen with its top-flight appliances is the blank pallet on which to create family and guest pleasing tasting events. Can you smell the aroma of fresh seafood from the waters just outside your back door?" Here is one about the sense of smell. "What is it about salt water that makes us feel so alive as we catch a breath of sea air?" The sense of touch can be drawn in. "In your private pool you will be kissed by the sun while bathing away the cares of the work-a-day world. Splash!" When you can also draw in hearing and create visualization, then you have content that evokes memorable connections for potential buyers. In the real estate industry there is a lot of talk about Artificial Intelligence AI. Having read some AI content I found it devoid of all that is mentioned above. I am a Broker that understands and can create content that excites potential buyers. If you would like to learn more please give me a call.

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!!!

AND MORE HISTORICAL FACTS

April 4, 1975 - Microsoft is founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.

April 5, 456 – Saint Patrick returns to Ireland as a missionary Bishop.

April 5, 1964 – General Douglas MacArthur died in Washington, D.C. at the age of 84.

THE LAST OF A PLETHORA OF FACTS ABOUT APRIL

April 6, 1909 – Explorers Matthew A. Henson n Robert E. Perry are the first to reach the North Pole.

April 6, 1896 – The first modern Olympic games open in Athens, Greece.

April 6, 1930 – Twinkies hit the market. The first Twinkies were banana-filled.

April 6, 1938 – Teflon is invented by Roy J. Plunkett

April 7, 1948 – The World Health Organization (WHO) is founded.

April 7, 1949 – The musical *South Pacific*, by Rodgers and Hammerstein, opens on Broadway.

April 7, 1969 – The Internet's symbolic birthday.

April 8, 1820 – The ancient Greek Statue Vincent di Milo is discovered on the Aegean Island of Milos.

April 8, 1879 – Milk is sold in glass bottles for the first time.

April 8, 1974 – Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hits his 715th home run to surpass Babe Ruth's 714 home run record.

April 9, 1865 – Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, ending the Civil War.

April 9, 1950 – Bob Hope's first appearance on television.

April 9, 1691 – French explorer LaSalle reaches the Mississippi River.

April 9, 1963 – The U.S. Senate passes law making Winston Churchill the first honorary U.S. citizen.

April 10, 1849 – Walter Hunt of New York City patents the safety pin. He later sells the patent for \$400. See Safety Pin Day.

April 10, 1866 – The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was established.

April 10, 1912 – The "unsinkable" RMS Titanic departs on its maiden (and final) voyage from Southampton, England.

April 10, 1916 – The PGA was formed, and the first professional golf tournament was held.

April 10, 1970 – Paul McCartney officially announces that the Beatles have split up.

April 11, 1900 – The U.S. Submarine Force was officially established.

April 11, 1968 – President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

April 11, 1976 – Apple's Steve Wozniak creates the Apple 1 computer.