# COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2023

# A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

# **CHAIR REPORT**

Hello Fellow Neighbors,

By the time you get this newsletter it will be August and Summer will be coming to a close, however, we still have more warm weather in September and October. We are so fortunate with our weather here in Oceanside.

We have had a couple of thefts in the neighborhood. Apparently, the thieves were stealing catalytic converters from two different residents. We all need to have lights with motion detectors and it might be good idea to invest in some sort of security camera which are becoming very reasonable in price. I've received calls that there have been people in the community casing out our cars. So please be aware and ask them what they are doing here and if you could help them. Maybe this will scare them off or deter them from further casing of our community. We have to become our own advocates!

While we are on the subject of vehicles, it is **illegal to park on the front lawn of your property**. This is not just against our CC&Rs (please read Article III, Section 3.9), but all owners of the City of Oceanside must abide the codes and ordinances of the City. By the way, it also looks terrible and is extremely inconsiderate of your neighbors!

I know this is the time of year the everyone wants to protect their car from the sun. However, "<u>Article III,</u> <u>Section 3.16 states: Tents for Vehicles Not Allowed:</u> The use of tents or other structures to cover vehicles are strictly prohibited on Lots in the Development." This is what garages are for. My vehicle won't fit in my garage either, unless I do some purging, so I bought a car cover.

I heard from some of the residents that were participating in the Garage Sale that they had a pretty good turn out and Friday was their best day.

During our last community meeting we had some really good discussions on various topics. It's great to have our community participating with one another. Our October meeting will have a guest speaker, Aaron Johnson. Mr. Johnson will be speaking on Reverse Mortgages. Check out our website for more information.

The donation year-to-date are \$14,015 . This is \$1,200 over last year!!! A HUGE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!

Hope to see you all at our next Community Meeting October 16. Stay cool and please watch out for one another. If you see something, say something.

Best regard to all of you,

Sharon Martinson

## **ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING**

## NO MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER

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,	0,1, 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 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 Sale:* Hamilton Beach Flex Brew Coffee pot, makes 12 cups or a single cup \$25.00; Cal King bed cover with 2 shams Gold/Rust/Brown squares \$20.00. Bill or Terry at 760-435-9881

*For Sale:* Howard Miller Grandfather Clock: Excellent Condition: \$500.00 760-721-5115 please leave message with your number if not home.

*For Sale:* Magic Chef Countertop 6 place setting dishwasher, used 1 year, \$200.00 ; GE Quality Product Stacked Washer/Dryer Combo (electric), used, \$400.00. Call Colleen 760 644 4586

Wanted: Looking for a push grass edger. Bill & Terry 760 - 435-9881

*Wanted:* VINYL RECORDS. Preferable genre's Blues, Jazz, Classic Rock. 760-458-0914, valleafcon@yahoo.com, Mark

*Free*: Handicap equipment for anyone who may need it - shower chair, transfer bench, bed rail, raised toilet seat, wheelchair and adaptive eating utensils. Contact Lynn Ginesi 760-390-1800.

**REMINDER:** There is absolutely **NO SOLICITING** in our neighborhood. It doesn't matter who they say they represent or they say has authorized their activities, **SOLICITING IS FORBIDDEN BY LAW IN COSTA SERENA!** Contact a board member or myself with any issues . 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.

#### 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

## OBITUARY

"Mike Ginesi (75) passed away July 7th after a year long battle with brain cancer. Mike passed away peacefully at home in the presence of his beloved wife, Lynn, and his sister, Becky. Mike and his wife, Lynn, have been residents of Costa Serena for 12 years. Mike was a good neighbor and an excellent, caring friend. When someone needed some kind words of encouragement, Mike was willing and able to help them. Mike also had a special ability to just listen. You may have seen him daily walks with their dog, L'il Maggie. Mike is survived by his wife, Lynn, and his sister, Becky, as well as two daughters, a son and stepson."

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

# Age Compliance

We currently have one open case, and five cases were closed in July. We appreciate everyone's vigilance and for letting the Committee know when there is an underage person residing in the community for more than 60 days per year. 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

First, allow me to thank those of you who voted for the confidence in our Architectural Committee for another term. Since our July newsletter, the landscape committee has had 8 home visits to answer questions and clarify some of the CCR requirements. If you have a neighbor who needs help with an untidy homefront let me know so we can make a discrete inquiry. Lastly, the "Best of Costa Serena" home fronts had no nominees.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

## Permits Reports:

## East of Buena Hills

Buena Hills - Adjust fence to 48" to 42" per our conversation; SEAFLOWER - New roof to match roofmate as close is possible; Balboa - Replace old fence with new fence starting at front of house and along the side of the sidewalk to the end of the property. **Bill Licata 760-435-9881** 

### West of Buena Hills

New gate moved forward on property on Mira Pacific; New roof and paint of Buena Hills. Also discussions regarding fence issues. **Sharon Martinson (Temp) 760-696-3864** 

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**

Welcome to Summer! Hope that you are staying cool & drinking LOTS of water! July's recycling donors added \$170.56 to our account, so our new year-to-date total is \$992.48. Thank you & we need more water bottles!

Also thank you for separating the clean, dry plastic from glass and aluminum, and for removing caps to make it easier (faster) for us. Don't forget to put the caps in the bag.

Remember that we can **NOT** get paid for the following:

<u>No</u> plastic and/or glass bottles, or aluminum cans that had **any of <u>food or oil</u>** in them <u>No</u> liquor or wine bottles

Also thank you for not bringing the **SCRAP:** aka solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example Ensure, SlimFast, laundry detergent, bleach, etc or ANY cleaning product containers; plastic juice and/or large opaque milk & water bottles. **Please put these in your city blue recycling bin,** since it takes a **LOT** of them to make a quarter! **YES** to clean containers such as all aluminum beverage cans; plastic ice tea; glass soda & beer 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** for pick up. Don't forget to take some empty bags when you drop off. There's enough for your neighbors too. Here are some August dates to celebrate: 8/9 National Booklovers, 8/13 International Lefthanders, 8/16 National Tell-A-Joke Day, 8/21 National Senior Citizens Day, 8/25 National Banana Split Day!

Previo	Previous Balance As of June 25, 2023			\$14,072.02
1007	7/14/2023	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-1527.50
1008	7/20/2023	Copymax	Printing	-325.24
1009	7/20/2023	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-3590.00
Debit	7/23/2023	USPS	Postage	-13.20
Fee	7/17/2023	Service Charge	Bank Fee	-11.00
		Meeting Donations		\$17.00
		Recycling Donations	June & July	\$363.15
		Advertisers		\$390.00
		Donations		\$530.00
		Escrow/Document Fees		\$250.00
Total Deposits			\$1,550.15	
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## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

# MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

Board Members in attendance: Sharon Martinson, Terry Licata, Bill Licata, Barbara Hillery and Ray Brown

Minutes of last meeting approved by: Lynette Martin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Licata

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chairperson** went around and had everyone introduce themselves. She also mentioned that we received over \$9,000. in donations through our elections.

We've had a few problems with people building fences without getting a permit and someone else who has been parking his car across his front yard and he will be getting a letter. The height of a fence is 6 feet in the back and 42 inches in the front. Our CC&Rs are on our website so, if you can't find your copy, just go to our website and check it out.

Sharon said that when someone is building on to their home, they need to go to the city first for approval then submit their plans to us and if they meet the guidelines of our CC&R's, then we will give them a permit.

### Please refer to the individual reports in this Newsletter for each of the following:

- · Age Compliance/Real Estate report Barbara Hillery
- Landscape report Ray Brown
- Permits report for Buena Hills Drive East Bill Licata
- · Permits report for Buena Hills Drive West Sharon Martinson
- Recycling report Lynette Martin For the month of June \$192.59 and Year to date \$821.92
- Treasurer report Dick Bartolucci Absent

Sharon referred to the age compliance and how sometimes there are some special circumstances where there is a child that needs to stay for a while so they can get their finances in order. The committee does understand these particular circumstances but they are only permitted to stay 60 days per year.

HUD requires us to have a certain percentage of seniors living here in order to keep us a senior community. And, if you don't like the few restrictions we have, then go where there are no restrictions.

Mary Manley said she belongs to the LIFE Program at Mira Costa College and they have meetings every Friday and there are two speakers and it's free. The first is at 1:00 and the second at 2:30. They only ask that you contribute to the Mira Costa Scholarship fund. They are also going to have a dance program presented by the students of the school on July 12<sup>th</sup>. On tennis court #1 at 8:00 PM. You need to purchase your tickets in advance from the college.

Also, the Oceanside Museum of Art is going to have a plane art exhibit on July 22 at 11 am.

Meeting adjourned by Terry Licata and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Reale

## Terry Licata, Secretary

## **NEW SIGN**

We have a new sign at the Buena Hills entrance to our community. Please notice and appreciate it. Some special folks donated time into making it happen. Thank you volunteers. CSAC

**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

## **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.

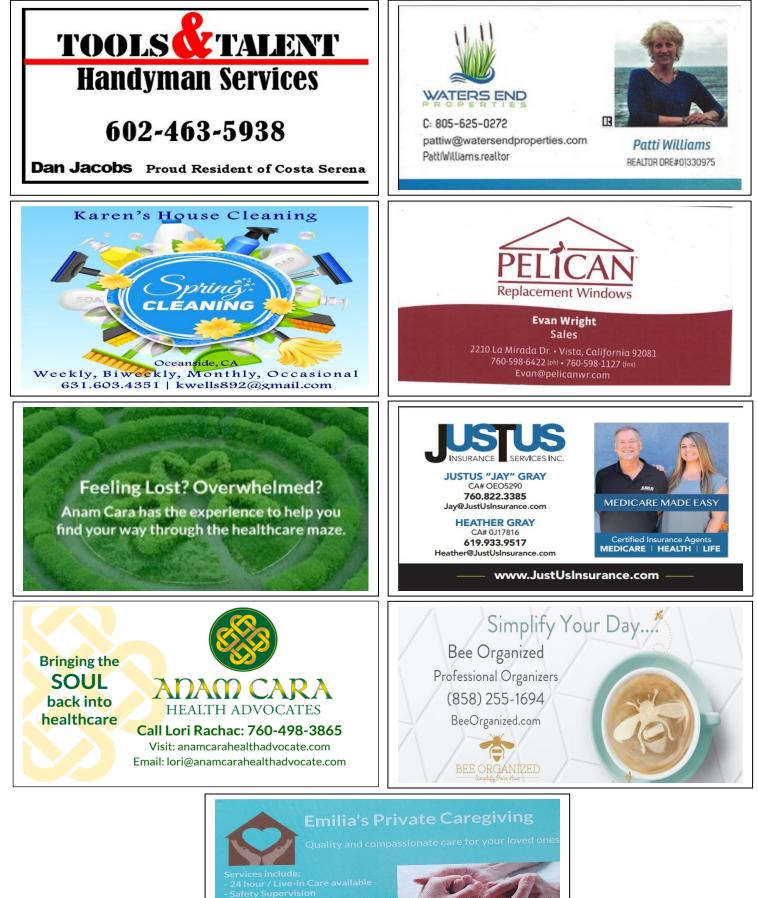
**WARNING:** Mail boxes have been opened during the night by an unidentified person. Please don't leave mail in your mailbox overnight.

**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



- Assist with Activites of Daily Livi

- Meal Preparation

- Transportation to appointments - Remind / Assist with medications

- Companionship Owner: Emilia Garza

Owner: Emilia Garza Phone: 760-445-8649

### Please call for details



### **New Roof or Repairs** Randy's **Professional Residential Maintenance** Luis Gastelum Services: Window, Carpet, stone & tile Cleaning, Janitorial services& Power Formerly with Ed & I Roofing washing Etc. Free Estimates by resident of Costa Serena With lots of recommendations here in Costa Serena Call Randy@760-716-8200 (760)-458-0239 C.L. #C39 861254 r.reddingius@sbcglobal.net CATHY'S PROFESSIONAL 2 AMIGOS HOUSECLEANING **GARDENING & LANDSCAPE** Windows, stoves, refrigerators. TREE REMOVAL, TREE TRIMMING No job too big or too small. **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS & REPAIRS** Gardening if needed. 760-994-7569 Detail cleaning for rentals and Realtors. 760-994-7569 **CERVANTES CLEANING** Wanted To Purchase Cervantes Sisters Cleaning, servicing both **Turquoise Jewelry, Gold Settings,** Costa Serena and Peacock Hills, Knives, Collectibles and possibly a pet friendly, reasonable rates, home that needs work in Costa Serena. references available on request, We're residents but tenants. Thank you, free estimates Laurel Brooks (760) 688-9955 call (760) 278-1890 Sell Houses, Represent Buyers, Manage Property? ... YES I DO "This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> time selling with Lynn, she consistently delivers by getting top dollar for us." Megan H. "Lynn shines with integrity & professionalism." Kelly H. "Lynn Phillips is a very competent and caring property manager. Give her a call- you won't be disappointed!" George & Bonnie O. 760-268-0903; Lynn4crest@gmail.com; www.crest4u.com

Lynn Phillips

Lynn Phillips Broker/Owner ~ DRE#01040475~ Costa Serena Resident



# College Area

We don't think of this often, but we are in a college area. One of our streets is even named Campus Drive. On foot you can walk off the end of it onto the Mira Costa College campus. Did you know there are six new buildings under construction at the Oceanside Campus, including the Student Services Building; Theresia M. Heyden Hall for Nursing and Allied Health; Kinesiology, Health, and Nutrition (KHAN) Building; Gymnasium; Chemistry and Biotechnology Building, and the Media Arts Complex. Drive through the campus and you will be amazed. There is a library, also being improved, a horticulture center, tennis courts, concert hall with concerts, a bookstore with books, a theatre with shows, a music center with concerts, cafeteria with food, art gallery with art, automotive, child development, and the list goes on. It is 121 acres huge. Courses are very inexpensive, in the hundreds of dollars. What did you ever want to study that you haven't gotten around to? Did you ever consider teaching a course !? Put on your walking shoes, head east on Campus Drive and check out this beautiful campus which is in our neighborhood. Any real estate questions? Just call me

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

#### 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 any board member. Thank you. CSAC

## **UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS**...answer on page 12

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- 2. uTreaers
- 3. ysrMyte

### \*\*\*\*\*\*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.

## **RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS**

Some of us in Costa Serena have been struggling with residents walking regularly around the neighborhood with their cell phone speakers on very loud and talking loudly...so loudly you can hear them coming half a block away! . I asked one woman at 7:15 am if she could please be more quiet. She told me "Shut up" and talked more loudly on purpose. Please would you people be considerate and save your phone conversations for when you are inside your house so the rest of us may enjoy the peace that is normally here for us? Judy

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

For those of you who would love to feel the sand beneath your feet & ocean air on your face again, the City of Oceanside Lifeguards have a BEACH WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM! The CA Coastal Conservancy granted money for four push beach wheelchairs that are available on a first-come, first-served basis for FREE! They can be checked out at the Lifeguard Headquarters 301 N The Strand, or at the Jr Lifeguard Headquarters 1304 N Pacific St from 8am to one hour before sunset. Not for use in the water or on the pier. Call 760-435-4018 for more info & to check-out a chair. Lynette

## **ANSWER:**

- 1. Adventure
- 2. Treasure
- 3. Mystery