COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2024

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Happy New Year Everyone,

This is the time of year that we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and anticipate the upcoming, new one. We've had our ups and downs in Costa Serena this past year with welcoming new residents and saying good bye to those we have lost.

We have many people to be grateful for and show our appreciation starting with the Editor of this newsletter and to our advertising manager. Then we have a big thank you for the following volunteers: Welcome walkers, newsletter delivery manager and those that distribute our newsletter. We now have a new newsletter volunteer that sends out our newsletter to all those wishing to receive it via email. We are also appreciative of our new website administrator. We have our recycling volunteer that works tirelessly cashing in all of our recyclables, which by the way almost completely pays for the printing of our newsletter. We have volunteers behind the scenes that are real estate spotters either via website or by driving around the neighborhood. This community could not exist without all of these volunteers! Thank you to all the Committee members who give up a great deal of their time for us.

We had a couple of volunteer residents who drove around checking out all the beautiful Christmas decorations. Sometimes it was difficult to get a good picture because of competing porch lights or cars parked where they couldn't get a picture. Check out their photos on page 12. Thank you both so much for taking the time to take these pictures. There were so many pretty decorations to choose from.

Donations, Donations, Donations. Thank you to everyone that was able to donate during this past year. Your donations keep this a senior community.

The committee and I value each and every one of you in keeping OUR community a lovely, enjoyable place to live and look forward to a wonderful New Year.

As stated in previous newsletters, our next meeting is January 13th and we will have a guest speaker, Aaron Johnson, who will be speaking about reverse mortgages.

Our April 13th meeting will have speakers from our community, whose topic will be on getting organized. Their ad appears in our monthly newsletter, Bee Organized. This should be a fun topic. I'll give you more information in the February newsletter.

Wishing you a New Year filled with Peace and Good Health,

Sharon Martinson

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena January 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,	1, https://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_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 hotine) 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: <u>Council@oceansideca.org</u>				

PERSONAL ADS

For Sale: Swivel Barrel Chair - 44" around, chocolate brown with one back cushion and two accent pillows in new condition and very comfortable. \$225.00 call Bill or Terry at 760-435-9881.

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

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

Free: Kemore Washer and Dryer good shape \$50 ea. Christian Frahm 760.356.0056

Free: set of one-year-old Bali blinds. White, faux wood grain. (Fits kitchen windows, living room, outer bedroom.) Must take all. Contact Stephanie to pick up: 619-365-5065.

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

REMINDER: 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

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.

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!

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

We currently have two open cases. 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

Since landscaping has had a relatively quiet period for the past 30 days allow me to take a moment and thank everyone and wish you and yours a healthy holiday.

As a reminder from Section Five in our CC&Rs:

Our goal is to preserve the appearance and value of our properties, including the front, side, and rear yards, and slopes. The Architectural Committee Board is authorized to determine what is to be done, providing the owner a reasonable period to correct the complaint.

Please help us keep Costa Serena a place we want to be. **Ray Brown 415-815-8934**

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Anchor Cr. - New roof on both homes to match; Mira Pacific - New side fence and gate. Magellan Cr, - New roof on both homes to match; Lile - Fence around the front, not to exceed 42" inches; Gail - New windows. Thank you for checking in before starting your project. Wishing you all safe and happy holiday's. Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

New garage door, slurry driveway and paint house same color – Isabella; New paint on both stucco and trim – Isabella

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.

HOW UPLIFITING...SUNFLOWERS!

Delivered by an anonymous lady to several doorsteps on Gail last month. We'd love to thank you in person...please phone 760-439-3288

RECYCLE REPORT

Happy New Year! We made it to another one. May your 2024 be happy and healthy.

Thanks recyclers! December's recycling added \$134.01 to our acct, so final 2023 total is \$1,802.03. Some who donated have moved away, so don't forget to encourage your new neighbors to recycle! Also thank you for separating the 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.

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

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

Also thank you for not bringing **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, UNLESS they have CRV on them.

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 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.

Offbeat holidays in January: 1/9 National Static Electricity Day, 1/16 National Nothing Day, 1/22 Answer Your Cat's Questions Day, 1/24 National Compliment Day, 1/27 Thomas Crapper Day

Previous Ba	\$11,751.91	
	No Withdrawals	
	Meeting Donations	No Meeting
	Recycling Donations	\$134.01
	Advertisers	\$915.00
	Donations	\$1,050.00
	Escrow	\$150.00
Total Deposits		\$2,249.01
Ending Bala	\$14,000.92	

FINANCIAL REPORT

PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No minutes to report this month.

Terry Licata, Secretary

****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**

FOOD SCRAPS recycling starts this month!

Exciting news, we're now able to recycle all food scraps, leftovers, and other organic materials in our green waste bin. Keeping food waste out of our landfill cuts down on the methane emissions that contribute to the extreme weather we've been experiencing.

1) Collect your food waste every day in a refrigerated or frozen tub or bag.

2) On trash day, put your food waste into your green waste can.

YES: fruit, vegetables, dairy, bread, meat/bones, pizza boxes, paper towels, paper food containers. Clear/translucent plastic bags and compostable bags can be used to hold your waste (this will help keep flies and rats at bay). NO: non-clear bags, plastic/glass food containers. Stephanie Weaver

PUZZLE: UNSCRANBLE THESE WORDS (HINT: GREAT TRAITS TO START THE NEW YEAR) ANSWER ON PAGE 10

- 1. aearrhCtc
- 2. ylLao
- 3. ougCera

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



ADVERTISING POLICY

Fee for a business card size ad is \$15.00 per month or \$75.00 for 6 months. Business card size ads are approx. 3.50" x 2.0" blocks. Multiples of \$15 per block per month is available. The maximum ad size is six business cards. Any further pricing questions contact Dick Bartolucci. Ad copy Submissions of Word Doc or Jpeg files are required and are due by the 4th Wed of the month for following month. Email to 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 vou. CSAC

"A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL"



Remember to thank your past years in the New Year because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future! Happy New Years to you and yours. Elearningyard



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Sell Houses, Represent Buyers, Manage Property? YES I DO!

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

1. aearrhCtc - Character 2. ylLao - Loyal 3. ougCera - Courage

Lynn Phillips



UPDATING

There are at least two conditions for which one might consider improving the physical spaces in a home. The first is to make it prettier or for more **comfort** so you, the current occupant(s) can enjoy it. The largest question to answer about this need: "How long will I own this home?" You might not want to make a big investment if you only plan to have the property for a year or two. If your sense is a long-term possession and the funds are available, go for it. The second need is to improve the **value for a sale**. Sadly, in almost every case, the cost of the new items yield only a 50% to 80% return on what was spent. If you are only improving to enhance a sale, it may not be money well invested. Still, items like stained carpets, chipped countertops, and broken appliances must be replaced to achieve a fair selling price. The key is to do just enough. Most Realtors like myself are happy to advise you on updating for value. Just ask. I am always here for your real estate related questions.

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!!!

Thanks for the beautiful Christmas decorating by all who made an effort...It was appreciated...Below are just a few examples







