



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2024

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

Again, hope you are all doing well. I have some important dates for you to put on your calendar.

June 8th – Election for Committee Members

Election Ballots are due and there will be volunteers (we hope) to help with the counting of ballots on Saturday morning, the 8th at 3280 Pearl Lane.

June 14th, 15th and 16th -Costa Serena Garage Sale

There will be signs at both entrances of Costa Serena. I would suggest that you also put up signs of your own directing them to your sale.

For those of you that will be participating in the Community Garage Sale, I wish you good luck and hope you're able to repurpose your "stuff" and make a few dollars along the way.

July 13th – Next Quarterly Meeting – Speaker

Lynn Phillips, a Costa Serena resident, will be speaking on ***"7 Easy and Affordable Ways to Improve the Beauty and Value of Your home"***. Here is a brief description of the topic from Lynn: "Have you ever wondered where to begin to update your home but have gotten overwhelmed even at the thought of it? With 35 years of experience in Real Estate, design, and improving properties for my clients and myself, I will help direct you and share my secret how you can and not break the bank".

It will be fun to get some interesting ideas from Lynn. So please try and make it to our next meeting and share your ideas as well.

I received a call from a neighbor on Mira Pacific who said someone took all the oranges off her tree in her front yard. Thieves are getting pretty brazen. So, once again, if you see something, say something.

I read a great quote in the Osider Magazine from the publisher, Jamey Stone. I've kind of switched it as to how it pertains to our community. "Just make sure you understand the community you are part of and give back what you pull out." Enjoy this summer and remember to love and respect your community.

Happy Summertime,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING IN JUNE

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

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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

For Rent: Room available for Rent in Costa Serena. Females only. Please contact 760)707-4441

Free: I have a number of items that I would like to offer to our neighbors at no charge: Respmad 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: VINYL RECORDS. Preferable genre's Blues, Jazz, Classic Rock.
760-458-0914, valleafcon@yahoo.com, Mark

Public Service Note: Somehow some dude named Edgar cashed a check of ours in Moreno Valley. We cant tell if he got it from our mailbox or somehow intercepted it from the Murrieta biz. Has anyone had an Edgar P. steal stuff/mail etc. Jeff 951-314-7900

Tips to Building Community Safety in Costa Serena

1. **Introduce yourself to your neighbors**
2. **Install motions detection solar lights around your home**
3. **Keep your yard tidy**
4. **Exercise caution when out of town**
5. **Volunteer for Oceanside neighborhood watch by contacting: aisanchez@oceansideca.org or (760) 435-4440.**

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 one open case, and three cases were 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

One of the many Architectural Committee's responsibilities is maintaining the neighborhood's value. If you are fortunate enough to have a corner lot in Costa Serena, you might also have a side yard or sloping space next to your property. The owner or landlord is directly responsible for maintaining your front and sloping side yards per our CC&R's standards. If you have property on Burna Hills Drive and North Way, not a cul-de-sac you get even more eyeball than others. Please feel free to contact local gardeners in this new letter or others for recommendations for help with your property.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Anchor - New concrete driveways on both homes.; Mira Pacific - Backyard deck Permitted by the city.
Gail - Chain link fence across the back yard; Balboa - A 42 inch fence in the front yard.
McIntire - Backyard shed not to exceed 120 sq. inches; Seaflower - New roof, fascia and gutters.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Nina - New roof; Buena Hills - New concrete driveway

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

May's recycling report is only for a couple of weeks since I'll be out of town for a while as of 5/16. We added \$85.25 to our account for a year-to-date total of \$789.30. Next month will be for 6 weeks and look much better! 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 n wine bottles are being recycled for MONEY again, altho they aren't paying much.

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 dtrgnt, bleach, etc or ANY cleaning prod. container.

No plastic juice or large opaque milk & water bottles, UNLESS they have CRV on them. **Please put these in your city blue recycling bin**, it's a **huge bag** to make a quarter!

YES to clean containers such as all aluminum beverage cans; plastic ice tea; glass soda, beer, wine n liquor bottles n anything marked CRV/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 June: 6/1 Oscar the Grouch Day, 6/6 Yoyo Day, 6/11 National Get Outdoors Day, 6/16 FATHER's DAY, and National Cracker Jack Day, 6/21 World Peace and Prayer Day, and Ugliest Dog Day, 6/26 National Coconut Day, and 6/30 National Outfit of the Day Day...Happy Father's Day!

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of April 24, 2024				\$10,464.91
1029	5/3/2024	Committee Member	Labels	-\$37.30
1034	5/14/2024	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-\$163.39
1024	4/25/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$348.51
1032	5/16/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$108.14
1033	5/16/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$348.51
1030	5/3/2024	USPS	Stamps	-\$250.00
1031	5/6/2024	Committee Member	Stamps	-\$226.00
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Recycling Donations		\$85.25
		Advertisers		\$90.00
		Donations		\$1,780.00
		Escrow/Document Fees		\$200.00
Total Deposits				\$2,155.25
Ending Balance as of May 22, 2024				\$11,138.31

*****PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 10*****

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

THERE WAS NO MEETING IN MAY

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

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

Landscape

WEEDS! They are still here. They won't go away without our help.

DRIVEWAYS: These are still being used for storage. Your neighbors don't appreciate looking at your "stuff" daily. TRASH CANS: This topic has been brought up so many times, that I can't believe that I have to bring it up again. TRASH CANS ARE NOT TO BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. This is a City Ordinance as well as part of our CC&Rs. Your neighbors don't want to look at these either. Take a little pride in your property.

2024 ELECTION BALLOT COUNTERS

Hi Folks it's that time of year again. We are in need of ballot counters on **Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 AM**. We need at least 6 folks to make the process go smoothly. Donuts and Coffee will be provided. Location is same as the meeting, **3280 Pearl Lane in Costa Serena**. Please contact Mark at 760-458-0914 or valleafcon@yahoo.com. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL THE WONDERFUL DADS IN THE WORLD....PAST AND PRESENT

Harvest Oceanside

Do you have surplus backyard produce (citrus, fruit, vegetables)? Contact ProduceGood 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.

Plumeria Tree Trimming

Do you have a mature plumeria tree that needs to be professionally trimmed? For over 25 years, Mike Pfeiffer has maintained plumeria trees throughout San Diego County. He is now taking no-charge tree-trimming appointments through June 2024. Schedule your plumeria tree trimming today! Contact Pacific Plumeria for more details. Call Mike at (858) 997-3616, email mikep5@cox.net or message @pacific_plumeria on Instagram.

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

QUIZ: What is the name of the world's largest producer of olive oil?

A. SPAIN

B. TURKEY

C. GREECE

D. ITALY

(Answer bottom of page 12)

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.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE

FREEWAY HELP Several California agencies have teamed up to provide free help to disabled vehicles on freeways. Out of gas, flat tire, they will mount your spare OR tow you for service. Call them at 511 & ask for Roadside Assistance. Call boxes access 511 also. If no one is nearby, they will connect you to a call center for assistance. Look up 511SD.com.

CSAC MEETINGS...It's important to reiterate that all owners and renters are invited to attend the Costa Serena quarterly meeting. It's our intent to inform all residents in our community as to our past, present and future efforts to keep the neighborhood peacefully and pleasantly livable. There is no better place to get an update. Also, this effort is enhanced when we have live feedback from our community. The date and time of the meeting is always posted in the newsletter.

CITY PROPERTY City property Issues such as street repairs or dangerous stop sign problems, you can contact the city via their website https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/services/customer_care.asp

OBITUARIES If your loved one passes in our community, we would like to hear from you. Please let Mark Valle or any committee member know by the 4th Wednesday of the month and we will publish.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

Dog & Cat Donations / Box Tops for Education, collecting towels, blankets & rugs (no rubber backing) for dogs & cats. No bed pillows. Please leave donations at 3527 Mira Pacific.

LOCK BOX: There is a CSAC lock mail box at 3670 Aqua Lane. It is next to the garage door. This mail box can be used for donations, advertising payments or any other CSAC communication

YANA PROGRAM

Utilizes uniformed senior citizens to provide a variety of services under the direction of the Oceanside Police Department. Services include vehicle patrol of neighborhoods, traffic control, security checks, welfare checks of homebound seniors and disabled individuals. Contact (760) 435-4763.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Tradition delivers fresh and frozen nutritious meals directly to the homes of homebound seniors. Meals are delivered five days a week. Please call Maria at 619.235.6538 for more information. Meals funded by County of San Diego Health and Human Services, Aging & Independence Services.

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 foodforlife@llccmail.com; 760-439-3300/ Jackie Hill (resident) 760-704-2808

DOG WALKERS: When a property owner has a sign that says, "NO DOGS ON PROPERTY" Please respect their wishes and DON'T be rude...it is their property...Thank You

"CC&Rs - covenants, conditions and restrictions - are lengthy contract automatically binding all owners, and the law holds each to have read, understood and agreed to its contents....regardless of whether the owner actually reads it". CSAC

ZELLE: The email to send money to CSAC through Zelle is Money4csac@gmail.com

TOOLS & TALENT

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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

MEMORIAL DAY

A day on which those who died in active military service are remembered, traditionally observed on May 30 but now officially observed on the last Monday in May. Also called (especially formerly) Decoration Day.

During this long weekend, be sure and remember to toast those who made the ultimate sacrifice, for our freedom and way of life



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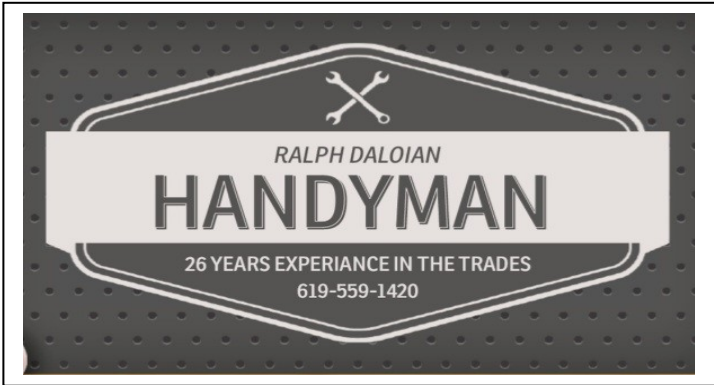
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HISTORICAL FACT

The year 46 BCE was the longest year in history, at 445 days.

In the first century BCE, Rome's calendar was a mess. The timekeeping system was first instituted around 700 BCE (back when Rome had kings), and from the start, the calendar had some issues. The year was 355 days long with an extra month added at the discretion of the pontifices, high-ranking priests who were in charge of the calendar. As the system was imprecise and subject to mismanagement, over time the calendar became misaligned with the seasons. What's more, pontifices often abused their power by lengthening the terms of their allies and curtailing them for adversaries.

When Julius Caesar became dictator of Rome in 49 BCE, he decided a change was in order, both to limit the pontifices' power and to create a more effective calendar for administering a growing empire. With the help of Greek astronomer Sosigenes of Alexandria, Caesar instituted the eponymous Julian calendar on January 1, 45 BCE. But to make the switch to the new calendar, Romans had to withstand what's now known as the "last year of confusion." At this point, Rome's calendar was roughly three months out of whack with the seasonal harvest festivals, so Caesar inserted three extra months into the year 46 BCE, known as "intercalary months," to get his 365-day calendar realigned with the solar year. For those living within Rome's borders, 46 BCE — at 445 days long — became the longest year in history.



STAGING 2.0

Populate kitchen countertops with bowls, jars, and bottles of sense enhancing food. and beverages. Bathrooms should be well equipped with towels, toilet paper, and soaps. The human mind senses, at the deepest subconscious level, when essential elements are missing. Think how "Abundance" would appear. There should be music playing, all the lights on, fresh smells, and A/C set to a comfortable temperature. Clean counters and tables of bills, letters, books, and personal items.

A.I. Virtual staging is great but when the prospective buyer sees the bare bones of the real house this can be a letdown. I recommend actual staging. Compared to the price of the home, this is a minor cost. Most buyers do not have imagination. When they are inside the home, they just can't figure out what rooms are for except on the most basic level. You must encourage them. I would recommend a visit to new home models for an idea about what is selling right now. Even one piece of furniture in a room draws the eye across the space and makes it feel larger.

Drop these notes in your HOUSE FILE for the day when you need them.

Any real estate questions? Just call me

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!!!

ANSWER: D. ITALY