



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2024

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Hello Neighbors,

Hope you all have not floated away in the rain. For a while I thought we should all be singing "Rain, rain go away come again another day!" April showers might bring May flowers, but I think January/February showers bring WEEDS! Living in our beautiful climate, we do get to enjoy flowers most of the year (thank goodness).

April 13th is our next Community Meeting. I'm so excited to tell you we will have a really interesting speaker, Sherry Gangel, owner of Bee Organized San Diego, a Costa Serena neighbor and Professional Organizer. Sherry will present tips and tricks on how to declutter and tackle those difficult-to-organize spaces, such as our one-car garages. She will also have tips on how to stay organized and create a sustainable system that will allow you to maintain your space once you have everything in place. Come find out who you are in relation to your stuff with this fun, interactive presentation.

We had a really good turnout for our January meeting despite the chilly weather. Aaron Johnson gave us all some good information on Reverse Mortgages.

Lately, I've had several complaints regarding neighbors trespassing and sometimes doing damage to the neighbor's property. Therefore, I'm including in the newsletter the following Article for your clarification, as to what constitutes this clause:

"Article III, Section 3.12. Nuisance

No noxious, illegal, or materially offensive activities shall be carried out or conducted upon any Lot or in any part of the Development, nor shall anything be done within the Development which shall unreasonably interfere with any other resident's right to quiet enjoyment. No Owner or occupant of a Residence may use or allow the use of the Residence or any portion of the Lot in any way or for any purpose which may endanger the health or unreasonably annoy or disturb other Owners or occupants of a portion of the Lot; or in such a way as to constitute, in the sole discretion of the Committee, a nuisance. Nothing herein, however, shall be construed to affect the rights of an aggrieved Owner to proceed individually for relief from interference with his or her property or personal rights."

Please be respectful of your neighbor; they may not like what you are doing either, but at least they keep to themselves. Just because someone else has lived here longer, doesn't give them any extra clout or rights. No one is any more special than the other. We live in close proximity to one another and we all have right a to live here in quiet enjoyment in The Community of Costa Serena. (*I can't believe I have to write this*).

Please, please consider becoming a Committee Member. Put your name on the election ballot for the June election. This is the time for those of you that have complaints about the Committee to make it better and become a member and bring your new, fresh ideas. Go for it!!

Be sure and mark your calendars to attend the April 13th meeting and enjoy the speaker, see old friends and meet new ones. See you there!

Kind Regards,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

P.S. Don't forget daylight savings time is March 10....remember "spring forward"

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING IN MARCH

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>

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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
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County Vector Control	858-694-2888	Trash Pick-up/Large Items	760-439-2824
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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 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: Six month old 42" round swivel brown chair with two accent pillows \$195.00. Call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881.

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

For Sale: Cal King bed cover with 2 shams Gold/Rust/Brown squares \$20.00; Black wood Café table with a 32" round glass top and two chairs \$60.00 – Call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881.

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: Looking for hip replacement paraphernalia. My first one so I need it all: front wheel walker, grabbers, "hip kit", shower chair with back and arms, raised toilet seat with arms, long shoe horn, sock assister, grabbers, leg lifter, etc. Let me know what you have and what you will charge for the items. Call Roxanne at 760-672-3147.

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

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!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

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

Uneven Sidewalks can be hazardous to all Costa Serena residences.

What to know: Oceanside is responsible for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of 480 centerline miles of roadway and right-of-way which includes curbs, gutters, sidewalk repair and replacement, and pothole repair. Initial inspection is performed when an issue is reported.

What you can do?: The city is divided into 12 geographic zones and Costa Serena is in Zone 4. To report raised sidewalk potholes or other deficiencies, please call (760) 435-4500 or email CustomerCare@ci.oceanside.ca.us. Again, an initial inspection is performed when an issue is reported. All pending repair requests are prioritized before the contractors enter a geographical zone.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Northway - New vinyl windows; Mira Pacific - New vinyl windows; Northway - Privacy fence between the two adjoining homes; Balboa - Bedroom and bathroom addition, paint exterior, new roof and fence around front not to exceed 42".

Please check in before starting your project if a permit is necessary.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Permits given for exterior paint and windows - Buena Hills

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

February's recycling added \$87.67 to our account for a year-to-date total of \$297.27. I think the rain kept us from shopping a lot! 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.

Yay - liquor n wine bottles are being recycled for MONEY again, they aren't paying much for them. 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

Thank you for not bringing **SCRAP**: aka solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example yogurt drinks, Ensure, SlimFast, laundry detergent, bleach, etc or ANY cleaning product container. No plastic juice and/or large opaque milk & water bottles, UNLESS CRV is on them. **Please put these in your blue recycling bin**, it takes a **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 your bags over the west gate at 3639 North Way or call/text Lynette 760-717-9121 if you need a 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 March: 3/2 Happy Sock Money Day! 3/3 I Want You To Be Happy Day, 3/11 Napping Day, 3/16 Lips Appreciation Day, 3/22 As Young As You Feel Day, 3/26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day, and last but definitely not least - 3/31 Happy Easter!

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of January 24, 2024				14,267.74
1017	1/31/2024	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-154.33
		Meeting Refreshments	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Recycling Donations		\$87.67
		Advertisers		\$405.00
		Donations		\$805.00
		Escrow/Document Fees		\$150.00
Total Deposits				\$1,447.67
Ending Balance as of February 28, 2024				\$15,561.08

*****PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9*****

QUIZ: There is a total of 20 time zones in the world? Yes or No
(Answer bottom of page 8)

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

SOLICITORS

This is just an FYI note. **Please keep reminding Costa Serena residents about solicitors in our neighborhood.** Yesterday, February 12th, a woman came to our house (unfortunately our door was open). My daughter saw her, told the woman that there is no soliciting in Costa Serena and pointed to the sign on our screen door. The woman said her name was Christine with Life Line. Reading from her clipboard she said was looking someone named Michelle who is she on SSI. My daughter told the woman there's no soliciting, again pointing to our sign, and then closed the door. The woman did finally leave but went directly to our next door neighbor. By the way, my daughter's name is Michele, a developmentally challenged adult. This upset Michele a great deal and I explained to her what she would need to do should this ever happen again. Thank you for your time and service with the committee. Sincerely, Cheryl Steffens

Compost Tubs

The concept of composting is really helpful. However, It seems that many in Costa Serena are not using the tubs the city has left us. I called Waste Management to see what to do with the tubs that are not being used. We can return them to the WM facility on Oceanside Blvd. I'll be making a trip up there in a month with some and would be willing to take yours, too. Please leave them in the box on the corner of Buena Hills and Franzel. I will be going to the facility the first week of April.

A neighbor in Costa Serena.

Obituary

Bob Jamieson, resident of Costa Serena after retiring from the Marine Corps in 1975, passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2024. He was 99 years old, originally from Brandon IA, a veteran of World War 2, Korea, and Vietnam—awarded a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and a Purple Heart from combat service. He enjoyed travel, baseball and other sports, and reading about history. His wife of 62 years, Lee (Oliver) Jamieson, preceded him in death in 2017. Semper Fi, Dad!

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 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

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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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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

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ANSWER: The world is divided into 24 time zones. As the Earth rotates, it moves about 15 degrees every 60 minutes. After 24 hours, it has completed a full rotation of 360 degrees. Scientists used this information to divide the planet into 24 sections or time zones.



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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



DONE RIGHT

I was just four years old when my USMC father was sent to the Naval Supply Depot in Tennessee. Six weeks before his report-in date he went from our Dallas home to find our new home in Memphis. He located it one dark night - a large 1920's house on a wooded acre. Forty days later my mother, my little brother Chris, and I showed up just minutes before the moving van arrived. Moments later, a freight train went by the kitchen in the back of the house. Mom yelled "Robert!" Dad whispered, "expletive deleted." My brother and I screamed, "Yaaaaaay!"

We lived there for a year, but we're forbidden entry to the backyard. Dad built a fence to keep us out. Many days Chris and I stared out the kitchen window as the love of our life chugged along the tracks.

Always choose your next home in broad daylight with a seasoned Realtor who knows the area. Always **LIST** your home for sale with a Realtor who knows how to write effective disclosures. The work of the sale is in three parts: Marketing, Escrow Management, and Post Closing Issues. The hidden element in every transaction is the effort to assure that the Seller never hears of the property again after closing. I will guide you to properly inform the buyers so they are satisfied with the transaction & the home. Minimizing Post Closing concerns starts from day one. After over 500 transaction, I would love to help you when the day comes to sell. Between now and then I am available for any questions you may have.

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.

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