



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2023

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

We are canceling our speaker for the upcoming meeting and he will be rescheduled for next year.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of one of our very devoted former, committee members, Cherie Schwartz. Cherie was such an asset to our community. Our next meeting, October 14th, will be a remembrance/celebration for Cherie, so please join us.

The following obituary for Cherie was written by her family:

“On Saturday, September 16th, Cherie Schwartz passed away only two weeks after learning she had liver cancer. She died peacefully with her family present.

Cherie was born in Huron, South Dakota. She married and raised three sons in Omaha, Nebraska. She made a brave move to California in 1999. Leaving everything behind including good friends and a successful career so she could be near her sons and two grandchildren. She never looked back and enjoyed every minute.

Cherie had a successful career in telesales and customer service, working for Omaha Steaks, DTN, a large financial firm in Omaha and Ford Corporation. She retired from Ken Grody Ford in Carlsbad where she helped them get their first President’s Award and kept it for over ten years by providing great service and support.

After retirement she kept busy by volunteering on the Costa Serena board, spoiling her beloved Yorkie, Maddie, doing improvements to her house and spending time with family. She loved keeping her home and yard immaculate. Cherie and others on the Costa Serena landscape committee worked hard to keep houses and yards looking great as well as helping keep the neighborhood an over 55 community.

Cherie loved Costa Serena and its residents and considered many of you to be extended family who will be missed dearly. She regretted not being able to say goodbye to everyone, but things progressed too quickly to make that possible.”

Please join us at our next meeting.

Kind regards,

Sharon Martinson

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena October 14, 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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For Sale: Ninja Infuse blender, new and never used \$50, Black and Decker cordless leaf blower \$25. Ellen (858) 663-9258

For Sale: Levi blue sofa with two power recliners and headrests plus USB ports with a center stationary seat. Three years old and in good condition. Purchased from Living Spaces. Asking \$260.00. Call Bill or Terry at 760-435-9881.

For Sale: (8) 32" X 96" black powder coat wrought iron fencing with 2" X 2" posts for \$2,000. Call Dave, (760) 458-9670.

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

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Downsizing: Many Various things. 760-439-3288. By Appt Only

Free: 2 Kenmore Replacement Refrigerator Filters. #460-9083. Sharon 760.696.3864.

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 (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

LOST CAT: Hi, Costa Serena neighbors! We are on Buena Hills Drive, south of Gail and North of Vista Way. For the last 3 days, except yesterday morning a very hungry, slender, adult, possibly female cat, all gray, no collar has showed up around 10:30 am to 11:00 am and was really, really hungry. Is this your missing cat or do you know whose cat it may be? Will you call me @ 760-450-7561. This cat has been trying very hard to let herself into this home and I am concerned for her safety. Thanks so much. Cathy Hanson

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 three 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

We all have a responsibility to keep pests away from our property if we work together. Food sources that attract mice and rats to yards. Backyards and even front lawns attract rodents because of the abundance of food sources. These destructive pests are opportunistic feeders and will eat anything they can find, including:

Fallen fruits

Birdseed

Vegetables from the garden

Compost

Dogpoop

Pet food left outside

Drippings from the grill

Unsecured garbage containers

Water sources that attract rodents

Rats do not prefer open spaces but rather overgrown areas, as they provide cover from predators and it's also an ideal place for them to build their nests. To prevent rats from living in your yard, you must deny them access to shelter. We hope this helps.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Mc Intire Cr. - Paint to match approved colors; Anchor - New roof and paint house with approved colors; Anchor - New Roof and a privacy fence with roofmate.

Please call me before starting your project.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

No new permits were issued.

Had conversations with residents regarding changes they are making. None of which required a formal permit.

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

The summer of September 2023 slipped away... Hope your change in seasons is healthful and happy.

September's recycling added \$164.99 to our account, so our new year-to-date total is \$1,347.39. Thank you recyclers! 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 us. The recycling company pays less for loads with liquid in containers. Don't forget to put those caps in the bag.

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

No plastic and/or glass bottles, or aluminum cans that had **any kind of food or oil** in them.

No 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 bags over west gate at 3639 North Wy or call/text Lynette 760-717-9121 if you need pick up. Don't forget to take some empty bags when you drop off. Most just had water bottles in them. There's enough for your neighbors too.

Here are some funny October dates to celebrate: 10/7 National Forgiveness Day, 10/8 National Pierogi Day, 10/15 National Grouch Day, 10/16 Dictionary Day, 10/23 Mother-in-Law Day, 10/29 National Cat Day, and of course 10/31 Happy Halloween!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Previous Balance As of August 23, 2023				\$11,190.15
1010	8/28/2023	Copymax	Printing	-316.63
1011	9/5/2023	Community Legal Advisors	Legal Fees	-148.51
1012	9/12/2023	Copymax	Printing	-316.63
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Recycling Donations		\$164.99
		Advertisers		\$300.00
		Donations		\$335.00
		Escrow/Document Fees		\$150.00
Total Deposits				\$949.99
Ending Balance as of September 26, 2023				\$11,358.37

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

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No minutes to report this month.

Terry Licata, Secretary

OBITUARY

Im sure going to miss you **Chuck**. Years of memories. Always something there to remind me. Your family, your friends, your love, we'll all miss you. I love you for always and ever. **Rosie**

*****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**

RIDDLE (answer at the bottom of page 12)

What single word can be used to complete all the words below?

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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

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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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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Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones

New documentary on Netflix: Live to 100 – Secrets of the Blue Zones Not just about physical health & food, it is also about the quality of life. The author found five Blue Zones in the world void of common diseases. Okinawa, having a purpose at any age is vital, move about 1-2 hours/day, have 3-4 close friends & meet daily, grow some of your own food, don't get angry, stop eating at 80% full. Sardinia, strong religious faith and hope, siestas, control stress, steep streets to walk. Loma Linda, CA, move 3 hours/day, give to others, volunteer, stop worrying, weekly faith meeting, sing. Ikaria, Greece, happy connected relationships, grape juice or wine, olive oil to cook, dancing, laughing, warm herbal tea with honey. Nicoya, Costa Rica, have a Plan de Vida (a purpose for getting up each day), slow down to make time for family, friends & pleasure. In all five, eating more fresh vegetables, fruit and nuts was a big help. We Americans eat more protein than almost every other country in the world, but we have some of the worst disease levels. Our levels of obesity are also high, because of stress, diet, and lack of exercise. When pernicious maladies come along our system is weakened and cannot fight as well against the damaging elements. Lack of connections leaves us emotionally unprepared, too. Please use some of these ideas to take better care of yourself, Neighbor.

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!!!

Rat Situation in Costa Serena: Time to Take Action!

Folks of Costa Serena, hold onto your cheese because we've got a rodent issue that's anything but Mickey Mouse! In the battle of David vs. Goliath (or rather, Resident vs. Rat), it's time for us to rally together and show those furry invaders they're not welcome in our neck of the woods!

The Bushy Bandits So, here's the scoop. Our once majestic, bushy behemoths grew to epic proportions, reaching heights of over 20 feet and dimensions that would put your garden variety shrub to shame. Recently, they got a much-needed trim, but guess what? Beneath those leafy towers lurked the ultimate rat paradise; multiple rat's nests! Talk about a rat-tastic surprise party.

The Investigators Are In Not to worry, we've called in the pros! San Diego County Vector Control, our trusty rodent detectives, swung by to inspect the suspected source of this rat-tastrophe. They're gearing up to pen a comprehensive report on their findings and recommendations, which will land on the Costa Serena Landscaping Committee's doorstep.

Free Rat Traps for All! But wait, there's more! Vector Control is playing Santa early this year, delivering free rodent traps to all the good residents of San Diego County. So, if you've got some unwanted furry guests, now's the time to evict them, no eviction notice required!

Respecting the CC&Rs In the midst of all this rodent ruckus, let's not forget our Costa Serena Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs). Section 3.12, also known as the "Nuisance Clause," clearly states that we can't let our homes become hotbeds of annoyance or health hazards. No one wants to live next to a rat-infested property that moonlights as a disease hotspot, right?

Our Call to Action So, dear neighbors and fellow rodent haters, it's time for a heroic call to action! Here's what we're asking for:

Bush-Be-Gone: Let's give those oversized bushes the boot. It's time to trim them down to size and say goodbye to rat resorts.

Nesting Nightmare: We can't let those rat nests stand. They've got to go!

Landscaping Love: To prevent this rat reunion from happening again, we need to maintain our landscaping and keep those bushes in check. Let's join forces to make Costa Serena rat-free again! Your cooperation is not only appreciated but essential in maintaining our beautiful community and ensuring we don't become known as Ratatouille Ridge. Stay tuned for updates from Vector Control and our community's efforts to restore Costa Serena to its rat-free glory! Julie Ovando

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