



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Hello Neighbors,

Hope you are all doing well. Hilary passed through our Community a couple of weeks ago and we were very lucky that by the time it arrived here it was downgraded to a tropical storm. Hopefully, you didn't experience much damage to your home. I was fortunate and only had a couple of outdoor shades rip apart from the wind. Bless all those people in the desert and further north that suffered greatly from this storm.

With all the rain we received we will once again have to worry about tending to weeds on our property. We all just need to get a head start on them before they get too bad. I can procrastinate with the best of them when it comes to weeding. Also, you might want to notify your neighbor when you are going to be working in your driveway so they can move their car, if necessary, in case you will be painting and the spray might get on their car.

I hate bringing up the subject of **Trash Cans** again but for the sake of new residents that may not realize trash cans are to be stored away. This is not just a rule in our CC&Rs, but also Code Enforcement for the City of Oceanside states the following: "Trash containers, green waste bins, and recycle bins must be stored in a side or rear yard area screened from public view, except when properly placed for collection".

Our next Community meeting is scheduled for October 16th. We will have a **guest speaker**, Aaron Johnson, who is a Senior Loan Advisor/Reverse Mortgage Specialist. *"Aaron has been helping families and realtors create wealth through home ownership by providing sound advice, effective mortgage strategies and a great mortgage experience for over 30 years. The wrong mortgage at the lowest interest rate can cost thousands of dollars. A reverse mortgage allows homeowners to use their equity while living in the home. My goal is to decide if a reverse mortgage is right for them."*

The Community of Costa Serena has a small group of volunteers we call our Welcome Walkers and they do a terrific job of meeting and greeting new residents as well as giving them a copy of our CC&Rs which also outlines the few restrictions we have, if the new owners didn't receive a copy from Escrow. So it never ceases to amaze me that when it comes to getting Permits for exterior changes to their property, residents have never heard of this. New residents are often given a copy of what a Permit looks like and the requirements. Thank you, Welcome Walkers, for all your hard work and time you volunteer to this Community. (I had to get that off my chest).

Donations, Donation, Donations! Thanks to all of you who donate and for those of you that don't and are able, we need your help. This aids us in keeping Costa Serena a senior community.

Please be sure and check out our website: <https://costaserenaseniorcommunity.com>

The very best to all of you,

Sharon Martinson

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members".
Coretta Scott King

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
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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 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

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

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

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

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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

QUIZ TIME

1) What is the fastest-flying bird?

2) What is the world's most venomous fish?

- A. Pufferfish
- B. Stonefish
- C. Monkfish

3) In the movie "Finding Nemo", which type of fish is Nemo?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have two open cases and closed 2 cases this month. 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 hope Hilary did not cause you too much trouble and your recovery was quick. The last "cyclone" to cause damage in the area was in 1858! Landscaping can provide a reference to help you with clean up if needed or just review our newsletter for a resource. My focus for the past 30 days was our neighbors on Campus Dr. with some success. Lastly, a car parked on front yard is NOT a good look.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Mc Intire Cr. - Concrete driveways for both homes; Frenzel Cr. - Solar on both homes. Please when leaving a message on my phone speak slowly and clearly. Thank you.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Two residents on Buena Hills had a new roof installed; New resident on Buena Hills has applied for a Permit for new paint; New resident on Mira Pacific is in the process of painting his residence as well as installing a new fence and gate; Another resident on Mira Pacific has applied for a permit for a new fence for the perimeter of his property.

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.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS!

RECYCLE REPORT

August was full of surprises so perhaps September will be more quiet. Where did summer go? August's recycling donors added \$189.92 to our account, so our new year-to-date total is \$1,182.40. Thank you recyclers!

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 tho.

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

No plastic, glass bottles or aluminum cans that had **any food or oil** in them **No** 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 blue recycle bin, 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 if you need a pick up. Don't forget take empty bags when you drop off. There's enough for neighbors too.

Here are some September dates to celebrate: 9/4 Labor Day, 9/9 TV Dinner Day, 9/11 Grandparent Day, 9/16 World Play-Doh Day, 9/22 Dear Diary Day, 9/28 Drink Beer Day

Remember that we are new every day...

FINANCIAL REPORT

Previous Balance As of July 22, 2023			\$10,155.23
	No withdrawals		0.00
	Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
	Recycling Donations		\$189.92
	Advertisers		\$390.00
	Donations		\$405.00
	Escrow/Document Fees		\$50.00
Total Deposits			\$1,034.92
Ending Balance as of August 23, 2023			\$11,190.15

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!

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No minutes to report this month.

INFORMATION:

We have had a few complaints regarding the wind turbines on our roofs. From time to time, they need to be oiled because they will start to squeak and become very annoying. I'm sure you would not like listening to that kind of noise all day. Please be considerate to your neighbors. Thank you,

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

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PROTECTION

In regards to the very recent thefts of catalytic converters in our neighborhood; one on Buena Hills and one on North Way, I would like to provide some information. I have inquired with a woman (Nextdoor) whom has installed an anti-theft device on her Prius. My thought is if we can provide the contact information for the anti theft devices to our neighbors, perhaps we can help them be proactive in protecting their autos. The website is www.catstrap.net. Gina in Costa Serena, 858 692.5600

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

**“Work is no disgrace; the disgrace is idleness”;
“Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration”
(Source Unknown)**

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.

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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

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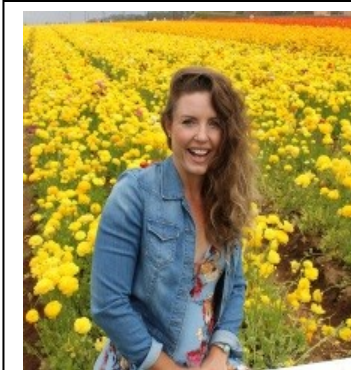
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**"He who labors diligently need never despair; for
all things are accomplished by diligence and labor"
(Source Unknown)**



SLOPES

Probably 50% of our Costa Serena homes have a slope in the back, front, or side yard. These inclines can be a little puppy or a small mountain. On Pearl the big rains several years ago caused some slopes to slide. At our place, 2/3rds of the topsoil and its plants broke loose from the underlying clay and rolled down 15 feet. The landslide filled the gap behind the little retaining wall at the bottom. Thankfully it did not make it into the yard proper. Slopes can be a source of beauty or one of the worst property-devaluing eye sores. Plantings improve stability and add an attractive visual. Even short retaining walls can make a big difference if they have a proper footing. Slopes are a challenge to maintain and a definite danger to navigate. The less care they need the better for everyone, but if you need help this is the time to hire someone. I like the Rosemary planted on the front slope at 3735 North Way. See the iceplant at the west end of North Way. The side slope with geraniums at 3721 North is nice. 3651 Campus sports full bushes. There are wonderful retaining walls, too. Some low water plants: Bougainvillea, morning glory vines, yucca, jacaranda, protea, and lantana. If you have terraces and retaining walls try fruit trees like avocado, fig, tangerine, grapes, dragon fruit, guavas, or pomegranate. They all do very well in our climate. Any real estate questions? Just call me.

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

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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

Your satisfaction at work lies within you. If you love your job and love what you are doing, then there you will find your peace. Do not tell yourself to love what you hate; it will only leave you unhappy. (Source Unknown)

To all of you who have labored your entire life....Happy Labor Day....Be proud of the difference you have made!!! Editor

*******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.

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!!!

ANSWERS

1) Peregrine falcon reaching speeds of up 200 mph.

2) What is the world's most venomous fish?

- A. Pufferfish
- B. Stonefish**
- C. Monkfish

3) Nemo is a clownfish.