

# COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2024 A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

### **CHAIR REPORT**

Hello Neighbors,

Happy Fall! This is that time of year when the weather can have a chill one day and the next day it feels like Summer.

#### Speaker Reminder:

At our next Community Meeting, October 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunny Rikard, a local Independent Medicare Agent with 16+ years experience, will be speaking. She brings a plethora of knowledge to us covering Medicare changes for 2025, the new prescription drug law included in the Inflation Reduction Act. She will be discussing the differences in Medicare Advantage plans and the Medicare Supplement/Medigap plans and the pros and cons of each. This would be great time for you to have someone like Sunny available to answer some of your concerns and ask her questions.

#### **Volunteers Needed:**

Erika Havlikova, our Welcome Walker, called and asked me to go with her on welcome walks one Sunday. Right now, we only have one Welcome Walker for the weekends and there needs to be someone to go with her. I guess, as a last resort, she asked me to go along with her. I gladly accepted. It was great. I got to meet and greet new people to the neighborhood. However, I think it might be the last time she invites me because she told me that I talked too much and at the rate I was going it could take all day to just do a few. I then tried to behave. My point.....we need volunteers to help with the Welcome Walks. It really is interesting and a pleasure to meet new neighbors. Please give it some thought and give it a try.

#### Concerns:

The Committee has received concerns from several residents in the community regarding the appearance of front yards. It is to the benefit of the entire community to keep a well, maintained yard that presents an appealing image, not only to our neighbors, but to anyone visiting the community, as well as attracting buyers and even increasing the value of your property. The real estate value of your home is based on other properties similar to yours within the local neighborhoods. Adhering to the CC&Rs is the responsibility of all living here. We ask that everyone make their best effort to keep your home's street appearance clean and presentable as it reflects on your neighbors and the entire community.

#### Trash Bins:

I hate that I have to bring this up again, and again, and again. Please put your trash bins somewhere out of sight. Some of you are so used to seeing them that you don't even realize how unsightly they are. Trash bins are not a part of your landscape. It just keeps getting worse. This is a City of Oceanside violation.

Peace and Harmony to All of You,

#### **Sharon Martinson**

Please, please we need your \$\$Donations\$\$.

# ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

# 3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena October 12, 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,	https://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?c	lient_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 hotlne	888-670-1360
City of Oceanside Customer Care	760-435-4500	SDGE-Gas leak/emergency	800-411-7343
Mayor, Esther Sanchez	760-435-3057	email: esanchez@oceansideca.o	rg
Deputy Mayor Dist 3 Ryan Keim	760-435-3048	email: rkeim@oceansideca.org	
Councilmember Dist 1 Eric Joyce	760-435-3032	email: ejoyce@oceansideca.org	
Councilmember Dist 2 Rick Robinson	760-435-3033	email: <a href="mailto:rwrobinson@oceansideca">rwrobinson@oceansideca</a>	.org
Councilmember Dist 4 Peter Weiss	760-435-3066	email: <u>pweiss@oceansideca.org</u>	
The following e-mail address goes to all m	embers of the Ci	ty Council: <u>Council@oceansideca.</u>	<u>org</u>

#### PERSONAL ADS

**For Sale**: Wood Raised Garden; 4 sections of 5' x 48" = 20' total length; 33" inch tall base; 66" ground to top of frame; Includes removable opaque sun shades that affix to the frame; Has removable electrified pest control system (not activated). Text me for a photo or to schedule a drop-in to inspect it in person. \$400; 858.220.5340

For Sale: Full set of silverware; service for 6. Good Condition. Call 760-231-6322

**For Sale:** ExtraLite Massage table \$150.00. Oakworks massage table, extra padding, in home or carry \$200.00. Call Christian at 760.356.0056.

**For Rent:** 2 bedroom, one bath house. ocean-view; large sunroom; new flooring; new windows, air condition; Washer/Dryer...Rent \$2,445 avail. Sept.1. call 760 613-9361

**Feral Cats:** We feed feral cats in Oceanside and Vista and are looking for any food donations, canned and/or dry. Please contact Jackie 760-433-8908 or 480-536-5621 Can drop off or pick up. We're in Costa Serena.

Dog Walking: Costa Serena resident; experienced Dog Walker & Dog Mom. Kathe, 949-212-3147

**Wanted:** Part Time Help; Costa Serena owner/resident looking for a man or woman to work part time, flexible hours, doing office and administrative tasks in my home office or yours. Detail oriented and organized helpful. Excel type/spreadsheet computer skills necessary. Legible handwriting a must. Submit resume to: IMT Attn: Victorya, PO Box 2166, Carlsbad, CA 92018, 760-689-4008

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

#### 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 <a href="mailto:spaton4@gmail.com">spaton4@gmail.com</a> or 989-400-9005 if you are interested. Thanks so much!

#### 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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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 RELIGIOUS 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.

#### 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

Fall Yard work and maintenance for many in Costa Serena can sometimes feel daunting — but it	
shouldn't! Everyone wants their yard to be the talk of the neighborhood — in a good way. Instead	of
spending your money on a professional lawn care service, follow these four tips for yard	
maintenance. <b>Yard Clean-Up Checklist:</b> □Remove Yard Debris, □Pull Pesky Weeds,	
□Water Your Lawn/plants, □Remove leaves with a blower from the Lawn	
Ray Brown 415-815-8934	

## Permits Reports:

#### East of Buena Hills

Seaflower - Paint house, neighbor will match paint later; Lile Dr. - New roof to match neighbor. Seaflower - Concrete driveway and sidewalk; Magellan - Paint trim on house.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

#### West of Buena Hills

Two on Buena Hills - New roofs; Buena Hills - New fence on side of house; Isabella - Room addition Mira Pacific - New wood fence

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.

Found: key ring with one key and silver fish w/ yellow stone. If it's yours, call Terry @ 760-435-9881.

#### RECYCLE REPORT

This September we added \$145.39 as of 9/19 to our account, for a year-to-date total of \$1,521.02. It's a week short because we can't go next week. October's total will be 5 weeks worth!

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.

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:** no 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 they have CRV on them.

Please put these in your city blue recycling bin, since it takes a <u>huge bag</u> to make a quarter!

**YES** to clean containers such as all aluminum beverage cans; plastic ice tea; glass soda, beer, wine bottles and anything else marked CRV or California Redemption Value.

Just 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 and/or have questions

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.

October days to celebrate: 10/9 Curious Events Day, 10/13 International Skeptics Day, 10/17 Wear Something Gaudy Day, 10/21 Count Your Buttons Day, 10/24 Bologna Day, 10/31 Magic Day and HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Here's one before you get your November newsletter 11/2 Deviled Eggs Day!

#### **FINANCIAL**

Previous Balance As of August 28, 2024			\$22,594.97	
1042	12	Leticia Arzate	Refund	
1042	9/1/1934	Leticia Alzate	Fees	-\$50.00
1043	9/20/2024	Copymax	Printing	-348.51
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Recycling Donations		\$145.39
		Advertisers		\$375.00
		Donations		\$135.00
		Document Fees		\$200.00
Total Deposits			\$855.39	
Ending Balance as of September 25, 2024			\$23,051.85	

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

#### MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No Meeting last month

Terry Licata/Secretary

#### Is political canvassing legal?

Political canvassing is legal! While canvassing may sometimes be mistaken for soliciting, it's important to know that federal law distinguishes political canvassing from commercial solicitation.

In fact, the First Amendment protects political, non-commercial speech, and the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld this right. This means that canvassers do not have to have a permit in order to go door-to-door, and do not have to inform local law enforcement before doing so. While canvassers should respect notices from residents requesting not to be visited by door knockers, political canvassing itself is legal in all 50 states between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. (from the IMPACTIVE website)

**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

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*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

During these divisive times, words from neighbors and celebs might be soothing:

"Just a thought...in this time of political upheaval it may be wise to remind ourselves that nothing is either black (all wrong/evil) or white (all right/perfect). Everything is shades of grey." Sandy

"Love the life you live. Live the life you love. Bob Marley.

"Follow your enthusiasm. It's something I've always believed in. Find those parts of your life you enjoy the most. Do what you enjoy doing." Jim Henson

#### 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**

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**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

**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 <a href="mailto:info@producegood.org">info@producegood.org</a> for more information.



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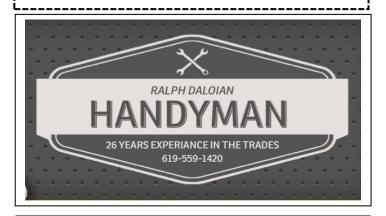
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## **OUR KIDS**

I am blessed to have many friends my age. Their biggest joys and/or biggest challenges are with their kids (now in their 40's or 50's) and grandkids (in their teens, 20's and 30's.) I know my friends' lifestyles and often that of their children. My own mother wanted to leave an estate for my brother and I. To do this she had to make some sacrifices. She was an art history major in college and had never been to Europe. We told her to sell a little warehouse she owned and go see the Uffizi and the Louvre, to travel. One day she informed me how she was going to indulge herself – she had decided to go to the beauty parlor every three weeks instead of once a month. Too many times I meet with kids who are heirs, and they are so saddened to learn that mom or dad has not lived as fully as they could in order leave a payday for them. Often, they feel guilty about their inheritance because of the sacrifice. Being honest with your kids may surprise you when they say, "Go see Rome. Go to Tahiti. Go on a cruise." The kids will gain more from your experiences. What you leave them will feel better, too. Considering selling or planning a future sale? Please call me for a free consultation.

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

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 you. CSAC

#### 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!!!

#### NORTH COUNTY/SD FALL EVENTS AND CONTACT INFO

**LEGOLAND BRICK-OR-TREAT MONSTER PARTY** 

Select Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 16 to Oct. 29; Brick-or-Treat Presents Monster Party

SAN DIEGO RESTAURANT WEEK: Sept. 24-Oct. 1; www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com

SUPER HERO OBSTACLE RACE: Oct. 1; www.carlsbadca.gov

SAN DIEGO ZOO, SAFARI PARK & SAN DIEGO MUSEUMS: KIDS FREE IN OCTOBER:

Oct. 1-31; zoo.sandiegozoo.org/kids-free; sandiegomuseumcouncil.org

THE SCREAM ZONE: Oct. 5-31; closed some weekdays; thescreamzone.com

CARLSBAD OKTOBERFEST: Oct. 7; www.rotaryoktoberfest.org

JULIAN OKTOBERFEST: Oct. 7: www.stelizabethjulian.org

**TASTE OF OCEANSIDE: Oct. 7;** mainstreetoceanside.com

LA JOLLA ART & WINE FESTIVAL: Oct. 7-8; 858-228-6542 / www.lajollaartandwinefestival.com

NATURE COLLECTIVE FALL FESTIVAL: Oct. 8; 760-436-3944 / thenaturecollective.org

TASTE OF RANCHO SANTA FE: Oct. 8; 858-354-9434 / www.tasteofrsf.org

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN FALL FESTIVAL: Oct. 12 ; November / 760-436-3036 / sdbg.org

ALTA VISTA GARDENS FALL FUN FESTIVAL: Oct. 14; 760-945-3954 / altavistabotanicalgardens.org

CARMEL VALLEY TRAIL 5K, 10K AND 15K: Oct. 14; www.enduranceraceseries.com

PUMPKIN PLUNGE: Oct. 14; 442-339-2519 / www.carlsbadca.gov

**GRAND AVENUE FESTIVAL**: Oct. 15; 760-207-6321 / greaterescondido.org/grand-avenue-festival

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: Oct. 18-22; 619-430-4898 / www.sdfilmfest.com

USA ULTIMATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Oct. 19-22; 719-219-8322 / tct.usaultimate.org

RANCHO BEERNARDO FESTIVAL: Oct. 21; ranchobeernardofestival.com

**ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR SHOW: Oct. 21,22,28,29;** 760-941-1791 / www.agsem.com

OCEANSIDE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL: Oct. 22; www.friendsofoceansidediadelosmuertos.org

SAN DIEGO ZOMBIE CRAWL: Oct. 27,28 & 31; www.facebook.com/SanDiegoZombieCrawl

ENCINITAS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION: Oct. 29; 12pm-4pm / Encinitas Community Center

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