



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Hello Neighbors,

Good News! While accompanying Erika on some welcome walks a couple of weeks ago, we introduced ourselves to a new resident, James Draves, and before leaving I told him we were in dire need of additional Committee Members. He seemed to have the perfect background to help us. Well, lo and behold he contacted me and was interested. He has volunteered to fill the Permit position that Terry Licata was doing in addition to her other Committee duties. Jim will take over Permits West of Buena Hills. Jim has an extensive background in designing and building large residential and high-rise construction. He has also served on other architectural committees in the past. Jim also has a degree in architecture. Please read his short bio on page 6. I am so happy we'll have another Committee member.

Elections are coming up soon. The ballots will be going out sometime in May with the results announced in the July Newsletter. It would be so wonderful if we could get a few more residents to become volunteers on the Committee. Some of on the Committee are not getting any younger and it would be great to have some new members with new ideas. Please give it some thought. Call me with any questions you might have regarding volunteering.

Reminder – Speaker April 12th Meeting – Once again I'm reminding you that we will be have Kathie Jackson, founder of Hospice by the Sea, speak at our next Community Meeting. She has over thirty years' experience in hospice services. As stated previously, **"We should all be able to die as well as we have lived."** Kathie will be able to explain to us all the ins and outs of how hospice is paid such as Hospice Medicare Benefit, Medicaid, Medi-Cal and other private insurance providers. I think we all know a little about Hospice, but Ms. Jackson can fill in the pertinent information that we need to know. **I hope all of you will take the time to attend this important meeting.**

Surveys: If you haven't returned your Surveys, there is still time. Even if the information on the last Survey you completed hasn't changed, it is still imperative that we receive the completed forms as required by HUD. Please do what you can to complete this form. If you need a new form or have any questions, please contact Barbara Hillery, Age Compliance Committee Member, at 760.717.6387.

I read a fun article in an AARP magazine title ***"Relearning the Fine Art of Doing Nothing"***. The author, Bob Brody, wasn't all that successful at "this art", but I find his closing statement of interest. ***"Still, I'm determined to get the hang of hanging loose. I intend to set aside a few minutes every day to unclutter my mind and daydream and cut my thoughts free like a kite catching a high wind. I'll try to take my time before time takes me. Only if I unplug can I ever truly expect to reconnect."***

Cheers!

Sharon Martinson, Chair

HAPPY EASTER

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena April 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
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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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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
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PERSONAL ADS

For Rent: Highly upgraded 2 bed/1 bath on quiet street, ocean view, gardener included, \$2825 x month - call Chamberlin for 3591 Nina st rental- 760-642-4663 or view Zillow.

Free: We have 3 gently used appliances available on a first come basis. Need to get rid of ASAP. One gas range and two refrigerators. The appliances are at a residence in Costa Serena near Vista Way and Buena Hills Drive. Appliance info: Stove/range - Frigidaire, white, gas, 4 burner, good condition: Refrigerator - LG, stainless steel, counter depth, ice maker in front, side-by-side, good condition. Refrigerator - Amana, white, french door style, separate control for fridge, neat and clean. Pick-up is by appointment only, call Holly at 714-714-5980.

Free: 8 Folding Chairs; 1 Shower Tub Chair; 1 Walker with Seat. Excellent Cond. Bev, 760-439-6077

For Sale: Recumbent bike. 85% assembled. In box. \$250 Bob 760-917-2657

For Sale: ELECTRIC BIKE and ELECTRIC TRIKE. Adult Tricycle has electric assist front motor, 24" wheels, & 7 speed shifting, big basket, Like New Condition \$800. Nishiki Bicycle has electric assist rear motor, 26" wheels, 21 speeds, big seat and 3 big baskets \$600. Call Dave at (951)468-4563 leave message. I live in Costa Serena and will deliver.

For Sale: Wheelchair - In great condition. Only used for 3 weeks. Make an offer. Please call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881.

Dog Walker: Experienced w references Costa Serena resident. Drop ins as well Kathe 949-212-3147

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

Lost Parrot: REWARD. Please Help Me, LOST JASPER who is a Blue Crown Conure Parrot. My parrot flew to me but crows flew over and scared him. Last day I saw him October 21. Someone may have him now. I have had him for 30 years, and 25 years ago he was declared my service bird by our doctor. I'm sick at my stomach. Please bring him home safely. Thank You, SHERYL TISCH 760-207-6344

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!

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

You still have time to complete and return your Biennial Survey! Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to complete their survey and return it, but we still have quite a few residents that have not done so. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need a new form.

We currently have one open case. 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

If you are planning Spring landscaping, these are some things to consider, cost, project scope, timing, and maintenance. People also inquire about finding trustworthy landscapers, understanding the difference between landscaping and hardscaping, and ensuring sustainable practices. One Special request from a few of our neighbors If you have a tree in your front or back yard, you might be unaware of the many issues your neighbors are calling the committee about. Some of these issues are: insurance being cancelled due to your tree. Another is fire threats, or roots doing damage. The most frequent call I get is, "It's blocking my views". Please talk to your neighbors to find a solution.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Balboa - New Roof; Balboa - New Roof; Aqua - New Windows

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Nothing to report this month.

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

Just looked back ten years ago when I started keeping track of the community recycling. In those 10 years, we've raised \$17,991 - wow! Best year was 2021 with \$2,434. Best month was September 2021 with \$306.90. So thank you for recycling! In March we added \$132.80 to our account for a total of \$466.58 to-date. I've seen moving trucks unloading, For Sale signs coming down, and new people walking, so don't forget to encourage all of the 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 us. Don't forget to put those caps in the bag with the bottles 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: 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 they have CRV on them.**

No liquor bottles. Please put these in your blue recycling bin.

YES to clean, dry containers such as all aluminum beverage cans; plastic ice tea; glass soda, beer, wine 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 or have questions. 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.

Hope you weren't "Fooled" on the 1st! Some celebrations in April: 4/5 National Dandelion Day, 4/10 National Hug Your Dog Day AND Earth Day, 4/12 Passover begins, 4/15 TAX DAY! AND National Laundry Day, 4/20 Easter 4/25 National Hug A Plumber Day, 4/30 Bugs Bunny Day

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of February 26, 2025				\$26,161.23
1058	3/12/2025	Copymax	Printing	-\$346.90
1057	3/3/2025	Committee	Website Fee	-\$311.04
		Recycling Donations		\$132.80
		Advertisers		\$165.00
		Donations		\$310.00
		Document Fees		\$50.00
Total Deposits				\$657.80
Ending Balance as of March 26, 2025				\$26,161.09

PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9

QUIZ: What is the largest island in the world? (Answer page 6)

HINT: Question seems fitting considering current national dialogue

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No meeting in March; Terry Licata

NEW BOARD MEMBER RESUME

Hi! My name is **Jim Draves**. I moved into Costa Serena two months ago. I am delighted to be here! I love the wide, clean streets, the trees, the location and the friendly neighbors.

I've spent over 40 years designing and building large residential and high-rise construction. I have a degree in architecture.

Upon retirement in 2007 I relocated to New York City to study Sculpture at The Art Students League of, New York. California called to me and I returned home to San Diego in 2011.

I've been fortunate to be able to split my time between San Diego and Sedona Arizona for the past eight years. Ultimately, I decided that life is easier and more enjoyable here in San Diego, specifically Oceanside! I absolutely love walking along the beach and visiting the great cafés and other amenities in Oceanside. I'm looking forward to serving on the architectural committee here. I've been on architectural committees in communities and I found it very gratifying.

Thank you, Neighbors, for welcoming me to your community.

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

*****NEWSLETTER INPUT: 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*****

QUIZ: Where is the first recorded wine production?

a) Italy b) Spain c) France d) Georgia (Answer on page 8)

Answer: GREENLAND

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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MAILBOX: Mail boxes have been opened at night by unidentified people. Please don't leave mail sitting overnight. ALSO, IT'S A FEDERAL OFFENSE TO PUT UNAUTHORIZED PARAPHERNALIA IN MAILBOX.

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@lccmail.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 Produce Good 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.

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.

TOOLS & TALENT

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Answer: Georgia, a country nestled in the Caucasus region of Eurasia, holds the distinct honor of being recognized as the birthplace of the first recorded wine production. This historical fact is not just drawn from oral tradition or folklore; it is supported by a wealth of archaeological evidence. Scientists have discovered pottery shards with traces of wine residue in Georgia that date back to 6000 B.C., making it the oldest known winemaking region in the world. The ancient Georgians used clay vessels known as Kvevri, often as large as a man, to ferment, store, and age their wine. These vessels were buried in the ground to control temperature, a winemaking method so unique it is now listed as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. (CON'D NEXT PAGE)



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Answer con'd: The country is also home to over 500 varietals of indigenous grapes, some of which are not found anywhere else in the world. Today, Georgia continues to be a key player in the global wine industry. The Georgian winemaking tradition, which stretches back for over 8,000 years, continues to thrive and evolve. The country's unique winemaking techniques, combined with its rich array of indigenous grapes, have resulted in a diverse range of wines that are making their mark on the international stage.

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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

*******VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR 2025*******

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**



Lessons from Pacific Palisades

In California, especially now after the fires in Pacific Palisades and Altadena, home insurance is getting more expensive (best case) or being cancelled (worst case.) Neither change is welcome. There are remedies. A careful review of your policy will reveal your deductible amount which is the amount YOU pay to restore your home after an incident. The balance or a portion of it will be paid by the insurance company. Another thing to check is the named owner of the house. You may have purchased under your name and transferred ownership to your trust or even another person. Insurance will only pay the owner that THEY have on record. I have heard that some Pacific Palisades owners are in a battle over claims because they did not inform the insurer about the transfer. Just because you do not have a mortgage and own your home free and clear – having insurance could be vital if there is a fire or flood. Perhaps it is time to review your insurance with your agent. If you have any other real estate questions please feel free to call me.

Bob Bekins 760-505-9397 Broker/Owner NCRA, DRE #0102575
3281 Pearl Lane in Costa Serena

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!!!

“HAPPY EASTER TO ALL....HE HAS ARISEN”

This is the third installment of Emergency Preparedness

The Costa Serena Architectural Committee continues to offer our residences articles titled “Are You Prepared” for an emergency or disaster in the Oceanside area or your home.

This second article will cover three topics: **Identifying Hazards and Risks**

Earthquakes: Identify the safe area in your home, Review damage points in your house for potential falling items (Drop-Cover- Hold on!) What to do in a power shut-off? SDGE will provide up-to-date info via social, local news, website <https://www.sdge.com/gas-electric-emergency-preparedness>.

Tsunamis: When a tsunami occurs due to an earthquake follow your local news for updates

Wildfire and Structural Fires: Due to a changing climate the fire season is no longer limited to certain months of the year. Make your home address 6” or larger. Eliminate weeds and brush from your property. Complete your “Go Bag” and be prepared to evacuate.

Extreme Weather: Floods, Landslides, storms. Listen to the “Go Bag” portable radio or TV for information. But prepare to leave for a shelter or contacts outside the area with little warning.

Plan-Family Reunification: When to call 911? Crimes, report fires, to save lives. Very critical for your family to identify a specific location to meet, like a park, church, parking lot, etc. (Be specific) You need two contacts in an emergency- a local contact and outside of your neighborhood. Your Go-Bag should have emergency contacts for your family. (We don’t dial numbers anymore) Identify Pets and safe places and lodging outside the affected area. Don’t forget the pet microchips and name tags. Some emergency shelters don’t take pets.

CSAC is reviewing ways to utilize emergency text alerts that will allow residents to opt-in to receive these messages by providing their phone number through the CSAC communication website, allowing them to choose whether they want to receive emergency notifications via text message.

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FLAG RULES

Here are some interesting guidelines when flying our flag. I’ve highlighted the most salient points related to home use:

- **The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.**
 - **The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or floor.**
 - When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
 - When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
 - The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
 - **The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.**
 - **The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on memorial day then raised to the top of the staff.**
 - Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
 - **The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.**
 - **The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.**
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