



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2024

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

The end of the year is approaching rather quickly, but there's still time to make a donation to Costa Serena. Your donations make it possible for Costa Serena to remain a 55+ community, which we all enjoy.

Speaking of remaining a 55+ community, we do have some residents that feel they are entitled to rent out either a portion of their house or a room to people under 55. These people are totally out of compliance with our CC&Rs. Barbara Hillery, who is our Age Compliance Committee Member, reminded all of us of the CC&Rs regarding these rentals. She quoted the following CC&R, Section 3.4, which is as follows:

***“Short Term Rentals Prohibited / Acceptable Rental/Lease Terms.** Lease or rental terms for a Lot shall be for a period of at least thirty-one (31) days or more. Lease or rental terms of thirty (30) days or less (i.e., short term rentals) are strictly prohibited within the Development. Owners shall provide new tenant or new resident information, including name, address, and age verification, to the Committee prior to the tenant(s) occupancy.”*

Scammer Alert:

You have all seen them in our neighborhood and some of you have actually opened your doors to them and listened to their pitch. No wonder people think “seniors” are gullible. We have said it time and time again that it is illegal to allow solicitors in our neighborhood, but some of you keep allowing their presence. The scammers I'm talking about are the solar energy scams.

AARP had an article about the “Clean Energy Scams Surge”. The article listed a “How to Dodge These Scams.”

- 1) **Watch for imposters.** Solar scammers may say they're from your power company, utilities warn. Ask for ID.
- 2) **Do not sign or initial papers** of electronic devices on a cold call or before reading contracts and documents.
- 3) **Slow down and do your own research.** Don't get pressured into signing or giving away personal info.
- 4) **Keep personal information private.** Don't give away personal data to anyone who contacts you about a green energy opportunity.”

I did my research on the company that sends their minions to our neighborhood. I checked them out on BBB and they had 4,410 complaints in a three year period and 1,424 in a 12 month period. AND you wonder about their credibility. Think about it – in a 12 month period it's 118+ complaints per month. Always do your homework. You wouldn't buy any other purchase from someone going door-to-door. These people know that Costa Serena is a senior community and prey on our gullibility. Please do not be that Gullible Senior Citizen.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The very best to all of you,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Costa Serena Website: <https://costaserenaseniorcommunity.com>

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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IMPORTANT HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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Humane Society	619-299-7012	Oceanside Alzheimer's Center	800-272-3900
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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/#?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
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: 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 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

Free: in Costa Serena ... 2 small citrus trees 2 years old. One lemon, One Mandarin. You will need to dig out and transplant. 760-458-7610

Free: New stainless steel gate for side of house to back of house. In perfect condition. Still in box. Text Cathy 760 214 0569

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 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

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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have two open cases and one case was 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

Whether you are a renter or an owner...a few factors that reduce property value in Costa Serena are:

1. Deferred or neglected maintenance
2. Bad or ugly Landscaping
3. Frail or damaged roof
4. Neglected houses nearby
5. Yards that need attention



Your neighbors only notice factors that need attention.

Your donations make a difference in how your committee works

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Buena Hills - New roof to match as close as possible.

Mira Pacific - New garage door.

Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Buena Hills - New fence alongside the house.

Buena Hills - Paint house and trim.

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

In October we added \$222.75 to our account, for a YTD total of \$1,743.77. Good month recyclers!

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 **huge bag** 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.

Special November days: 11/2 Daylight Savings Time begins (did you set your clocks back?), 11/5 VOTE VOTE VOTE, 11/8 National Dunces Day, 11/11 VETERAN'S Day, 11/14 National Pickle Day, 11/17 National Take A Hike Day, 11/20 National Peanut Butter Fudge Day, 11/23 National Eat A Cranberry Day, 11/26 Drinksgiving, and of course 11/28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of September 25, 2024				\$23,051.87
1044	9/25/24	Community Lgl Advis.	Legal fees	-\$260.00
1045	10/12/24	Copymax	Printing	-\$348.51
1046	10/16/24	USPS	Stamps	-\$36.50
		Meeting Donations		\$22.00
		Recycling Donations		\$222.75
		Advertisers		\$30.00
		Donations		\$1,015.00
		Document Fees		\$50.00
Total Deposits				\$1,339.75
Ending Balance as of October 23, 2024				\$23,746.61

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

Congrats, you made it to November. Here's a trivia game about the new month. We're going to give you a historical event, You must determine if it happened in the month of November or not. (Answer page 12)

1. Guy Fawkes and other conspirators failed to blow up the House of Lords and assassinate James I.
2. (1605) President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. (1863)
3. The US declared war on Japan and days later entered World War II. (1941)
4. Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" was released. (1994)
5. Al Gore formally conceded the presidential election to George W. Bush. (2000)
6. The Arizona Diamondbacks won the World Series. (2001)

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held on Sharon Martinson's Patio: Saturday, October 12, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Sharon Martinson, Dick Bartolucci and Barbara Hillery

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon Martinson, Chair, welcomed all in attendance and had all attendees introduce themselves. She thanked them all for attending. Also, we were reminded that this would be a shorter meeting because we have a speaker that will be discussing Medicare and other insurance options.

Committee member reports: Sharon read the Permit Reports. Dick Bartolucci, Treasurer, gave his report which is as follows: Bank Balance: \$23,126.87; Donations YTD: \$16,320; Last Yr: 15,065

All other reports are listed in the Newsletter.

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Sharon mentioned that she accompanied Erika Havlikova on some Welcome Walks, which she said was a great experience meeting and welcoming new and interesting neighbors. She suggested that perhaps others might want to give it a try also.

Once again there was some discussion that soliciting is not allowed in Costa Serena.

There was a question regarding distribution of the Newsletter. Welcome Walker, Erika, gave a detailed explanation of the form that Welcome Walkers complete for new neighbors and the “special” area that is designated for the newsletter. The new neighbors indicate if they want the newsletter “delivered” or “emailed”.

Meeting was adjourned by Barbara Hillery and seconded by Mona Hicks.

Although meeting was adjourned, Sharon introduced Sunny Rickard, the day's speaker. Sunny spoke on various types of medical insurance options.

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon Martinson
For Secretary, Terry Licata

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

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

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 info@producegood.org for more information.

TOOLS & TALENT

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QUIZ: Which of the following presidents declared Veterans Day a national holiday?


Ronald Reagan; Woodrow Wilson; John F Kennedy; Dwight Eisenhower (Answer page 12)



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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



NEIGHBORLY

Some of the most seasoned people I know spend time on two things: friends and gardening. If you have many friends, you are blessed. If not, you can change that using the words of C.S. Lewis, "I went out to find a friend and found none. I went out to be a friend and found many." There are many lonely people in this world. Making friends with them can give them a reason to live and even prosper. It is a symbiotic relationship where they are blessed by helping you, that same river flows upstream as we help them.

Gardening is a good workout and makes the neighborhood more attractive. Everyone wins. Gardeners sometimes have quite a sense of humor. I saw a sign on a particularly lovely one once, "Trespassers will be composted." My walks through that neighborhood shifted to the other side of the street, but I still had a laugh when I saw the sign each time.

Sharing your story with others and listening to theirs can be a wonderful break from all the "news" on TV. The broadcasters' goal is to get us to tune in at another time for an update. Most of what they have to talk about has very little to do with everyday life in our community. It is better to tend to our own gardens, our roofmates, and neighbors.

Know anyone planning to sell a home? Please ask them to call me for a free consult.

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!!!

'A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE'

*******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**

ANSWERS

1. **Yes.** It is commemorated every Nov. 5 with Guy Fawkes Day.
2. **Yes.** That happened on November 19.
3. **No.** That happened in December, following the attack on Pearl Harbor.
4. **No.** That song was released on October 29.
5. **No.** That happened in December due to the chaos of counting votes in Florida.
6. **Yes.** That World Series got pushed back to November due to the September 11 attacks.

ANSWER: DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill in 1954 that recognized November 11 as Veterans Day. Previously, it had been Armistice Day, which recognized only veterans of World War I and World War II.

Please take the time to remember our veterans on this special day. They have put themselves in harm's way to provide us a lifestyle.... we often take for granted!

"HAPPY VETERANS DAY TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE SERVING AND HAVE SERVED.....THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!"