

COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY 2025 A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Dear Neighbors,

This is one of those times that I start off the newsletter with some not-so-good news, because the Licatas are retiring. After twenty-four years of volunteering on the Costa Serena Architectural Committee, Terry Licata has decided to retire. Terry started out serving when Costa Serena had two committees. Terry's "job" was as Chair at that time, then as Secretary/Treasurer for the Community Association. After the break up of the two committees, she volunteered as Permits member for the now CSAC. For the past several years Terry has served as Secretary as well as Co-Chair and once again as Permits committee member. Over the years Terry Licata has had to wear many hats. Bill Licata has also been an integral part of this committee volunteering as Permits for the last 15 plus years. Bill is always trying to better our community by taking on many tasks to help facilitate a smooth-running committee and community by utilizing his calm demeanor. Bill and Terry will surely be missed and we all appreciate all their years of volunteering on this committee to make Costa Serena the place it is today – a serene, safe place to live for this senior committee. Thank you, Bill and Terry, from all of us!

Now, I do have some good news. With Terry retiring as Secretary, it leaves a big hole in our community. However, I came up with a possibility. I met Steve Good about 4 years ago at one of community meetings and was so impressed by him. At many of our meetings over the years I noticed he was always taking notes. So, I had an "a ha moment". He would make a perfect candidate for Secretary! Keeping my fingers crossed, I called and asked if he might be interested and lo and behold, he said he was 99% sure he would do it, but would let me know at our meeting on Saturday for sure. Saturday seemed a long way off for someone like me with little patience. The wait was worth it – he said yes 100%! Please read Steve's bio on page 12.

Last month we introduced you to Jim Draves, who is volunteering for Permits. The election information will be going out this month and our two new volunteers, Stephen Good and James Draves, will be on the ballot as well as Chair and Landscape positions. Until we have more volunteers, I will be handling Permits East of Buena Hills. The committee and community need people volunteering with fresh new ideas, so please give it some thought.

At our April meeting we had a very informative speaker, Kathie Jackson founder of Hospice by the Sea. She was so informative and many attendees said how much they enjoyed her talk and learned so much more about hospice from a such a professional.

Permit Information: An explanation of when a permit is required is in our CC&Rs, **Article IV**, Section 4.1 Architectural Committee Permits. In short it states a permit is required for any exterior changes to your property, please read Section 4.1 for a complete and thorough explanation.

Article III, Section 3.2 (A) Accessory Dwelling Units / Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. Not only is a City of Oceanside Permit required, but also a Permit from the Architectural Committee is required. Please read the CC&Rs Article III, Section 3.2 for a thorough explanation.

Best regards,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

Happy Mother's Day!

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Costa Serena Website: https://costaserenaseniorcommunity.com

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l	Humane Society	619-299-7012	Oceanside Alzheimer's Center	800-272-3900	
l	Fire Prevention	760-435-4100	Protection for Fraud (AARP)	877 -908-3360	
l	Oceanside non-emergency Police Disptch	760-435-4900	Social Security Administration	800-772-1213	
l	SD County Aging/Independent Servcs	800-510-2020	Water Emergency DAYTIME	760-435-5800	
l	Parking Enforcement	760-435-5195	Medicare Information	800-434-0222	
l	Adult Protective Services	800-339-4661	Lifeline Transport Service	760-726-1111	
l	El Corazon Senior Center	760-435-5300,1,	https://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?c	lient_id=138	
l	Meals on Wheels	760-726-1225	Caregiver Resources www.caregi	vercalifornia.org	
l	County Vector Control	858-694-2888	Trash Pick-up/Large Items	760-439-2824	
l	Fair Housing: Land/Tenant Dispute	760-842-6226	Comm. Connect. (Frndshp hotine)	888-670-1360	
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For Sale: Recumbent bike. 85% assembled. In box. \$250 Bob 760-917-2657

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

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

COUNTERS NEEDED

It's that time of year again. Ballots need to be counted. Once again, our chairperson Sharon Martinson, has graciously donated her patio; **3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena, June 7, 10:00 AM**. We need at least six volunteers to make it a smooth process which shouldn't take more than an hour. Donuts and coffee will be served. Thanks in advance for your support. Contact Mark Valle 760-458-0914, valleafcon@yahoo.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We have completed the required Biennial Survey and calculated the percentage of homes in Costa Serena with at least one person of the age of 55 or older, as required by HUD/HOPA. Our occupancy percentage for this period is 99.3%, qualifying Costa Serena a senior community under the HOPA 80% rule and verification requirements. Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete and return the survey and thank you for continually being vigilant and letting us know when you suspect there is an underage person living in our community.

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

To effectively manage waste in Oceanside, California, prioritize reducing waste at the source, reusing items, and recycling what's left, with a focus on composting food and yard waste. Ensure proper placement of trash, recycling, and green carts for collection, and familiarize yourself with the specific guidelines for recycling in Oceanside. For more detailed information, you can check the Waste Management website or the City of Oceanside's website.

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

I have Two permits one for a driveway and one for a fence James Draves 760-707-9120

*** 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.

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

RECYCLE REPORT

Thank you again recyclers! In April we added \$147.22 to our account for a total of \$613.80 to-date. Wonder how much we've kept from Waste Management...I've seen more 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 <u>NOT</u> get paid for plastic and/or glass bottles, or aluminum cans that had **any kind of <u>food or oil</u>** in them. 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. Remember that we can <u>NOT</u> get paid for plastic and/or glass bottles, or aluminum cans that had **any kind of <u>food or oil</u>** in them

Also thank you for not bringing SCRAP: aka solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example yogurt drinks, Ensure, 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. Many just had water bottles in them. There's probably enough for your neighbors too.

Some humorous days in May: 5/3 Lumpy Rug Day, 5/8 National Coconut Cream Pie Day, 5/13 National Frog Jumping Day, 5/18 National No Dirty Dishes Day, 5/23 National Lucky Penny Day, 5/29 National Paper Clip Day. Also don't forget 5/3 Kentucky Derby Day, 5/5 Cinco de Mayo, 5/11 Mother's Day, 5/15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, 5/20 National Rescue Dog Day, 5/26 Memorial Day, 5/31 National Smile Day!

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of March 26, 2025			\$26,161.09	
Debit	4/7/2025	USPS	SPS PO Box Fee	
1059	4/8/2025	Copymax	Printing	-\$350.12
1060	4/12/2025	Committee Supplies		-\$283.14
		Meeting Donations		\$74.00
		Recycling Donations		\$147.22
		Advertisers		\$90.00
		Donations		\$700.00
		Document Fees		\$50.00
Total Deposits		\$1,061.22		
Ending Balance as of April 23, 2025			\$26,379.05	

PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 12, 2025; At Sharon Martinson's patio, 3280 Pearl Lane.

Board members in attendance: Dick Bartolucci, Terry Licata, Sharon Martinson, Ray Brown and Barbara Hillary; and two provisional/acting board members, Jim Draves on permits and Steve Good as secretary. (The community votes on four Board members this June.)

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Erika, with second by Mona. Sharon advised that after 24 years of work on the committee, Bill and Terry Licata are retiring their duties, Terry as secretary and Bill on permits. Their loyal devotion helped make this a more cohesive community. Their efforts will be missed.

Those in attendance (approximately 25) introduced themselves. Committee reports were given. At the close of this quarter, three houses are for sale, one is in escrow and five are for rent. A little over 50% of age surveys have been returned. There are two open age compliance cases, although one case may get resolved. Only one landscaping issue in the last three months involving a resident who wanted to make a billboard out of his house. In total, there are seven permits including a fence, driveway and roofs.

Dick reported a bank balance of \$25,905 and that donations for the first three months totaled \$3,500.30. The 30 cent donation was a mistake of sorts. The resident used Zelle to make the donation, initially entered 30 cents, and later added \$30. For the last three months, recycling brought in \$456 per Lynette.

After 15 minutes, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Erika and second by Dick. The speaker, Kathie Jackson, was introduced by Gary Conklin, a hospice volunteer and Costa Serena resident. There are about 200 hospices in San Diego County and most of them are large corporate conglomerates. Hospice by the Sea is privately owned and operated by Kathie Jackson and her daughter Christy. Kathie is a nurse and has owned Hospice by the Sea for 30 years and has refused to sell out.

Kathie said many doctors have a financial interest in hospices. They are often paid a referral fee. You are not required to go to the hospice that your doctor "refers" you to. She is aware of a doctor who receives a flat \$10,000 fee per month just to make referrals to a particular hospice.

"If you are not going to die, you know someone who is," Kathie said. Hospice is a Medicare benefit and some companies charge co-pays, however Hospice by the Sea does not, so one is 100% covered. Hospice pays for an RN case manager, social workers to help with end of life planning, home health aides for personal care, spiritual advisors, doctors, medical equipment and medicines. Volunteers at hospice, like Gary, often sit with the patients so they have a peer to talk with.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Good, acting secretary

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

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.

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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.



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QUIZ: What band were John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison apart of before forming the Beatles? (Answer on page 12)

- a) The Shouters
- b) Welcome to Waffle Town
- c) Nice Boys
- d)The Quarrymen



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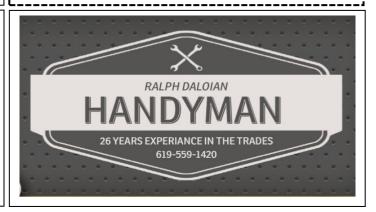
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QUIZ: What was the highest-rated TV show of 1990?

a) Golden Girls b) Game of Thrones c) Cheers d) Family Guy (Answer page 11)

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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



HOSPICE CARE

The April CSAC monthly meeting hosted Kathie Jackson from Hospice by the Sea. She explained away some confusions about that part of life. 1. Medicare pays for most of, or in her case all of, hospice services. 2. It doesn't matter where you call home from under a bridge, to your car, to a mansion, Hospice by the Sea will serve you. 3. With 200 hospices in our region, you can choose who you want without a doctor's referral. 4. Hospice coordinates with assisted living facilities for care. 5. Hospice by the Sea does a no-charge in-home evaluation. You can call them at 858-794-0195. I'm not a lawyer, but before you give anyone your power of attorney be very careful. A friend of mine gave a 100% POA to her son. She was sent from her home to memory care in assisted living by him. It was a good idea at the time but after they got her meds straightened out, she became very capable and wanted to go home. He's not letting her. Make your own decisions as long as you can. BTW, if you know someone who has recently passed or is passing, I have a free six-page article & checklist to help the family with the huge number of items which need to be handled.

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!!!

ANSWER: "Cheers" dominated prime-time television from 1982 until 1993, running for 11 seasons on NBC. It had the highest audience ratings of any show in 1990, and three years later, nearly 40% of U.S. audiences watched its finale. The hit show followed the lives of the staff and patrons of a fictional Boston bar called Cheers.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE GREAT MOMS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Personal Biography

Steve Good

55+ communities like this don't exist back in Kansas where I lived for 60 years. I retired in 2014 from the state of Kansas where I worked mainly on welfare and social service issues.

Almost four years ago I saw Costa Serena for the first time. With my newcomer's eyes, I was struck by its cleanliness and beauty. All the houses are the same, yet different. Three years ago I bought my home on Santa Maria and learned that my neighbor two doors down, Robert, was my age and at age 19 he helped pour the concrete foundations for these homes in 1972. A welcome walker visited me and I learned that in order to keep this community running without paying homeowner association fees, we all have to pitch in, and that includes me.

From the corner of Buena Hills and North Way you can see both the mountains and the ocean. Stunning. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful place. Our community needs very little policing, but we do need some. Even among friends, issues arise. Do any of us want late-night parties, loud motorcycles, crowing roosters, rowdy teenagers, or door to door salespeople? Most of us want a quiet, easy going and 'serene' co-existence. We all have to do our part to keep our community 55+, so I'm asking for your vote for secretary of the Costa Serena Architectural Committee.

ANSWER: d) The Quarrymen

John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and George Harrison were in a band together before the Beatles ever officially existed. This band was called the Quarrymen, after Quarry Bank, the school that the three of them attended. After Lennon went to Liverpool College of Art in 1960, they decided that the name no longer fit them as they did not attend Quarry Bank. From there they picked up Ringo Starr, changed their name, and the rest is history.