



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Happy New Year, Costa Serena Residents,

It's time to get out a new calendar for 2026. I also believe it's time to "turn the page" in our lives. By that I mean if someone in the neighborhood has "ticked you off" in the past, just turn the page and don't give them anymore time in your lives. I'm not saying we should forgive people for anything, because I think that's for saints and believe me I am no saint. I just don't want them to drag me down with them. This is just something to think about. Easier said than done...maybe....or maybe not.

IMPORTANT PAPERS: As the new year begins it might be a good time to get all your very important papers in order and place them in a specific spot for your family members' access. A friend of mine in here was telling me that her mother, who recently passed away, had previously paid for her final passing. However, when the family went to take care of the burial, the place had no record of any sort of pre-payment. Fortunately, a family member had all the necessary paperwork and proved all had been prepaid which was over \$6,000.

STRUCTURAL DANGERS: Mike Roffey on Anchor sent us the very important information regarding the structure of certain houses in Costa Serena. This has been in the newsletter years ago, but worth repeating.

"This is just a note about something that should maybe be put in the next newsletter.

One of the models in Costa Serena has a beam protruding over the front doorway and under the roof peak. This is not a part of the roof frame and is mainly decorative.

This piece is about 3 feet long and weighs between 25 and 30 pounds. It was nailed in place 50 years ago. During the recent storm, the piece on our house became detached and fell. Had anybody been standing at the front door they would have been seriously or fatally injured.

To prevent such an occurrence, maybe the owners should have this piece inspected and if necessary, re-attached. Just a thought, Mike Roffey"

SCAM: Lee on Anchor left a message for me regarding a scam where supposedly Social Security is calling and wants to make sure you received your card and wants you to confirm the number on the card. Scam, Scam, Scam.

SPEAKER: Our next meeting is January 10th. We might have a someone speaking on roofing scams. We do not have a confirmation from him yet. So, we'll see. Hope you can come to the meeting anyway and share your thoughts and enjoy the camaraderie.

Again, Happy New Year and the Very Best to All of You,

Sharon Martinson, Chair

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

3280 Pearl Lane, Costa Serena January 10, 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://costaserenaseiorcommunity.com>

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IMPORTANT HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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Meals on Wheels	760-726-1225	Caregiver Resources www.caregivercalifornia.org	
County Vector Control	858-694-2888	Trash Pick-up/Large Items	760-439-2824
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The following e-mail address goes to all members of the City Council: Council@oceansideca.org			

PERSONAL ADS

For Rent: 3731 Mira Pacific available after Dec 15; 1500 per month. Unfurnished, water paid by owner, text your information or questions to 760-214-0968

For Sale: Round wicker patio table with 2 wicker patio chairs. \$95
2 metal patio benches. \$25 ea; 2 wicker side patio tables, 1 round, 1 square. \$20 ea
Corner table, antiqued white. \$15; New bar height dining table with 2 stools. \$150
New Retro Series microwave. \$95. Call or text: Sheryl 760-688-6580

For Sale: 2023 Toyota Rav 4 Roof Rack Cross Bars...never used, brand new...would likely fit alternate years....\$315.00 value...asking \$150.00...Call Mark 760-458-0914

For Sale: Midea Portable Stand alone Air Conditioner 12,000 BTUs. Used two months in a summer beach rental, so like new. Purchased at Costco for \$480+tax. We never installed the pipe in the window so all of the attachments and seal are still brand new. Has remote control as well. Cools, Ventilates and dehumidifies. 40% Energy savings, 25 ft. long distance airflow. MShield Air Ionizer Technology, reduces odors, smoke n gases in the air. Winter sale for \$250.00. Jamie 760 533-5173

For Sale: Mattress Topper, 3 inch memory foam twin extra- long in good condition. \$45.00
Call Bill or Terry @ 760-435-9881

For Rent: Interested in sharing house with single female; private bedroom etc. 760-439-3288

For Sale: DOWNSIZING; If you want ANY household items; Janisu 760-439-3288

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

Wanted: If you have books, you no longer want, I am very happy to have them. I share book donations with the V.A. Clinic in Oceanside. Drop offs are great at 3526 Santa Maria Street or you may call or text David for pickup: 760-889-7370.

Need Help: Retired Locksmith/Handyman: 14 year Costa Serena resident; Locks and minor household repairs and projects. Reasonable no obligation estimates. David 442-216-4272 Daytime

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

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

Happy New Year

“Make it the best one yet....You never know what good things lie ahead”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Age Compliance

We currently have no open cases and no cases were closed. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to let me know about possible underage people living in our community; it takes all of us working together to preserve Costa Serena's senior status. If you feel there is an age violation in our community, please contact me either by telephone, email, or text, 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. Your input will remain confidential. 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 help keep Costa Serena looking its best and safe for everyone, we'd like to remind residents that trash cans should only be placed out the night before or the morning of scheduled pickup—placing them out days in advance is not acceptable. Please also be mindful of your landscaping and ensure plants, vines and ground covers (especially invasive species), are not encroaching into neighboring properties or jutting out into the sidewalk areas. Lastly, keep sidewalks in front of your home clear of debris so all residents, including those using electric wheelchairs, can move safely and comfortably throughout our community.

Thank you for your cooperation and care for our neighborhood. January is a great month in North County San Diego to tidy up and prepare the landscape for spring. Focus on light pruning of roses, deciduous trees, and shrubs, removing dead or damaged growth while avoiding heavy pruning of spring bloomers. Clean up fallen leaves and debris, refresh mulch to retain moisture and suppress weeds, and check irrigation systems for leaks or adjustments needed after winter rains. It's also an ideal time to pull winter weeds while the soil is moist and apply compost to garden beds to improve soil health for the growing season ahead.

Lesleigh Maggio 760-550-7912

Permits Reports:

I've got one Fence and a house that was repainted. Also had one house that the windows were replaced. I've had a lot of questions that didn't result in any permits, but help people to clarify what they were doing.

James Draves 760-707-9120

***** Please check in before starting your project if a permit is necessary*****

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.

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

RECYCLE REPORT

It's been a good year for Costa Serena, thanks to all of you who donate; not just recycling, but also money. THANK YOU! December recycling added \$191.35 for a grand total of **\$2,014.97** for this year. WOW! Don't forget to encourage all of your new neighbors to recycle with us!

Also thank you for separating **clean**, dry plastic from glass and aluminum, and for removing bottle caps to make it easier and faster for us. Don't forget to put those caps in the bag with the bottles though.

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. Or for any containers with stuff still in them.

Also thank you for **NOT** bringing **SCRAP** - i.e. solid white and/or solid colored plastic bottles for example: yogurt drinks, Ensure, laundry or dish detergent, bleach, etc or ANY cleaning product container.

No plastic juice and/or large opaque milk & water bottles, **UNLESS they have CRV on them**. Note that **plastic juice containers from Dollar Tree are not CRV...** No liquor bottles unless marked CRV. Wine and beer bottles can be sold, but not liquor bottles. Please put those in your blue City 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 a question. Don't forget to take some empty bags when you drop off. Many just had water bottles in them. There's usually enough for your neighbors too!

Special January dates to celebrate: 1/3 Festival of Sleep Day, 1/7 Old Rock Day, 1/12 National Pharmacist Day, 1/18 National Winnie The Pooh Day (we should read more of his wisdom), 1/24 National Compliment Day, 1/31 National Backward Day

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of November 26, 2025		\$29,717.65
	No Payments	
	Meeting Donations	No Meeting
		\$0.00
	Recycling Donations	
		\$191.35
	Advertisers	
		\$495.00
	Donations	
		\$215.00
	Document Fees	
		\$100.00
Total Deposits		\$1,001.35
Ending Balance as of December 24, 2025		\$30,719.00

PLEASE SEE DONATION CARD AT TOP OF PAGE 9

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

NO MEETING LAST MONTH

*****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*****

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

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 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

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 511 & ask for Roadside Assistance. Call boxes access 511. If no one nearby, they'll connect you to a call center. 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.

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BOOKS WANTED: If you have books no longer want, I'm happy to have them. I share book donations with V.A. Clinic Oceanside. Drop offs OK at 3526 Santa Maria Street or you call/text David for P/U: 760-889-7370.

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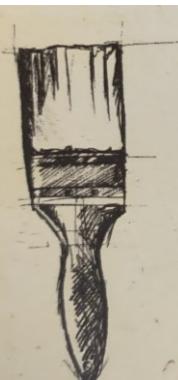
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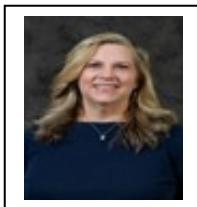
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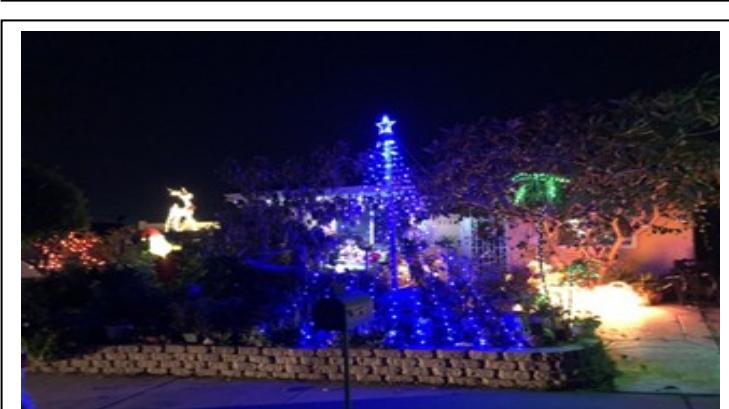
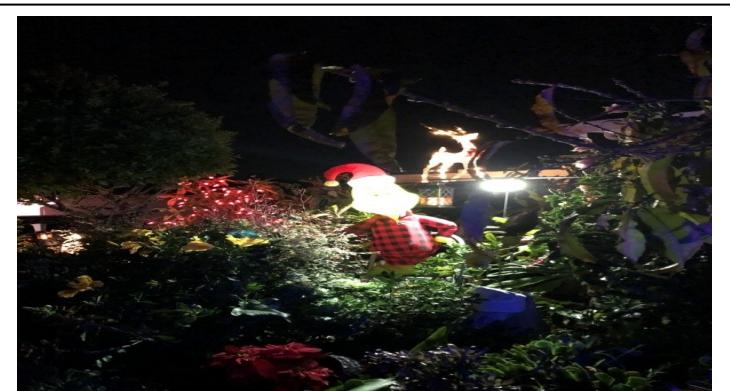
- Thou Shalt Pick Up Their Dog's Poop
- Thou Shalt Respect Owners Signs (No Dogs, No Trespassing)
- Thou Shalt Not Intimidate or Badger Fellow Residents
- Thou Shalt maintain Moderate Noise Levels (Music, TV, Phone Talk, etc.)
- Thou Shalt Be Mindful of Their Parked Cars (do not block mail, driveways, 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 Sight.
- Thou Shalt Comply with CC&Rs.

Imagine, if everyone abided by these guidelines....our neighborhood would enhance another notch!!!

Adventure and Travel Resolutions

The world is your oyster. Go shuck it.

- Visit a new city or country. Passport ready?
- Go on a solo trip. Self-discovery looks good on you.
- Try an adrenaline-pumping activity. Skydiving anyone?
- Explore your local area as a tourist. Museums and parks count.
- Start a travel savings fund. Jet setting or exploring doesn't come cheap.



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