



COSTA SERENA ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

A PUBLICATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR OUR 55+ COMMUNITY

CHAIR REPORT

Hello Costa Serena Neighbors,

I don't know where Summer has gone. It's September already. Whoever started the saying that "time flies" didn't realize that as we get older it not only "flies" but is propelled by jet engines.

In last month's issue of the newsletter Barbara Hillery wrote an excellent article regarding Age Compliance. Her explanation of the entire process was so informative for all of us. Her explanation of the Civil Code and Family Code that pertain to Age Requirements were outstanding. Thank you, Barbara, for your diligence.

Drones:

In the last issue we had an article regarding "drones". We found out that insurance companies use drones to check on the property they insure. I know of two houses that insurance drones flew over.

Crime:

We've had some attempted break-ins on North Way. One resident said his screen door was damaged and another resident on North said someone attempted to enter through her kitchen window. On Anchor a very suspicious looking character was walking the neighborhood around 7:00 am. He was wearing a hoodie, mask and knee pads. Please, everyone, be cautious and vigilant. (see another incident on page 6)

Speaker for our October Meeting:

Sunny Rickard, a local Independent Medicare Agent and an advertiser in our newsletter will be speaking at our October 12th Community Meeting. Sunny has 16+ years of experience selling health insurance and is contracted with all the local carriers. She will be discussing Medicare changes for 2025, as well as prescription options and the Inflation Reduction Act. Sunny is aware of all the medical group and provider changes and she will be giving tips of the best doctors and medical groups that have a local Medical Group In Network. She will discuss the changes with Scripps, TriCity and UCSD as well as other groups. (More information will be on our website).

Neighbor to Neighbor:

When you have a complaint/problem with a neighbor, please try and discuss it with them. They might not even be aware that their trees are hanging over your property or that weeds/plants are invading their property or if a particular noise bothers you. Sometimes just a pleasant conversation can go a long way in getting problems solved. Yes, some neighbors can just be difficult and won't budge. Just be kind and do not trespass on their property. We all live in close proximity to one another and the messiest house on the block effects the whole block. Perhaps the country would be a good place to live and they can do whatever they want.

Hope you had a Wonderful Labor Day!

Kind personal regards, *(and I'm not moving to the country)*

Sharon Martinson

ARCHITECTURAL COMMUNITY QUARTERLY MEETING

NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

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

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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IMPORTANT HELPFUL NUMBERS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Code Enforcement	760-435-4500	Public Safety (Alan McNeil)	760-435-5204
Humane Society	619-299-7012	Oceanside Alzheimer's Center	800-272-3900
Fire Prevention	760-435-4100	Protection for Fraud (AARP)	877 -908-3360
Oceanside non-emergency Police Disptch	760-435-4900	Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
SD County Aging/Independent Servcs	800-510-2020	Water Emergency DAYTIME	760-435-5800
Parking Enforcement	760-435-5195	Medicare Information	800-434-0222
Adult Protective Services	800-339-4661	Lifeline Transport Service	760-726-1111
El Corazon Senior Center	760-435-5300,1,	https://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?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 Sale: ExtraLite Massage table \$150.00. Oakworks massage table, extra padding, in home or carry \$200.00. Call Christian at 760.356.0056.

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

For Rent: 2 Bedroom; 1 Bath; Covered Patio; Large Backyard; 3737 Mira Pacific. Tenant pays utilities. Available August 1. \$1490.00 per month. Call John 760-439-5345.

For Sale: Dining room table. 56" round bevel glass table. Beautiful painted metal base with 4 padded chairs in great shape. \$ 250.00. Contact Tim 925 474 7920

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. \$15 for 30 min walk. Kathe, 949-212-3147

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

Plumeria Tree Trimming

Do you have a mature plumeria tree that needs to be professionally trimmed? For over 25 years, Costa Serena resident Mike Pfeiffer has maintained plumeria trees in San Diego County. He is taking no-charge trimming appointments. Contact Pacific Plumeria for more details. Call Mike at (858) 997-3616, em mikep5@cox.net or message @pacific_plumeria on Instagram.

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

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

See Page 12

Ray Brown 415-815-8934

Permits Reports:

East of Buena Hills

Anchor - New roof to match roofmate close as possible; Gail - New driveways for both homes.
Seaflower - New 6' privacy fence; Seaflower - New driveways for both homes; Lile - New roof.
Bill Licata 760-435-9881

West of Buena Hills

Mira Pacific Dr. - Permit for an Endless pool
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 August we added \$230.68 to our account, for a year-to-date total of \$1,375.63. Thank you for your donations!

Also, 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.

September days to celebrate: 9/7 Salami Day, 9/8 Hug Your Hound Day, 9/13 Positive Thinking Day, 9/15 Make A Hat Day, 9/19 Talk Like A Pirate Day, 9/21 Miniature Golf Day, 9/23 Checkers Day, 9/26 Love Note Day, 9/28 Good Neighbor Day...And we should never forget 9/11...

FINANCIAL

Previous Balance As of July 24, 2024				\$22,050.67
1036	8/8/2024	Committee Member	Postage	-\$9.36
1039	7/24/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$348.51
1041	8/22/2024	Copymax	Printing	-\$348.51
		Meeting Donations	No Meeting	\$0.00
		Recycling Donations		\$230.68
		Advertisers		\$525.00
		Donations		\$395.00
		Escrow/Document Fees		\$100.00
Total Deposits				\$1,250.68
Ending Balance as of August 28, 2024				\$22,594.97

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

MINUTES OF COSTA SERENA GENERAL MEETING

No Meeting last month

Terry Licata/Secretary

Is political canvassing legal?

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

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

Neighborhood Alert: Suspicious Activity

On the night of August 28th, a man wearing a Tshirt and shorts and baseball cap around 2:30am was caught on video trespassing in our neighborhood and rummaging through open containers and mailboxes on private property on Coral Dr. Please stay vigilant, secure your belongings, and ensure that all outdoor areas are properly locked. Report any suspicious activity to local authorities immediately. Stay safe! Julie on Coral Dr.

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.

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

QUIZ: Which famous 1970s tennis champion pioneered equal pay in sports?

A) Billie Jean King B) Leslie Allen C) Chris Evert D) Hellen Willis (Answer bottom of page 12)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE

FREEWAY HELP Several California agencies have teamed up to provide free help to disabled vehicles on freeways. Out of gas, flat tire, they will mount your spare OR tow you for service. Call them at 511 & ask for Roadside Assistance. Call boxes access 511 also. If no one is nearby, they will connect you to a call center for assistance. Look up 511SD.com.

CSAC MEETINGS...It's important to reiterate that all owners and renters are invited to attend the Costa Serena quarterly meeting. It's our intent to inform all residents in our community as to our past, present and future efforts to keep the neighborhood peacefully and pleasantly livable. There is no better place to get an update. Also, this effort is enhanced when we have live feedback from our community. The date and time of the meeting is always posted in the newsletter.

CITY PROPERTY City property Issues such as street repairs or dangerous stop sign problems, you can contact the city via their website https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/services/customer_care.asp

OBITUARIES If your loved one passes in our community, we would like to hear from you. Please let Mark Valle or any committee member know by the 4th Wednesday of the month and we will publish.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS:

Dog & Cat Donations / Box Tops for Education, collecting towels, blankets & rugs (no rubber backing) for dogs & cats. No bed pillows. Please leave donations at 3527 Mira Pacific.

LOCK BOX: There is a CSAC lock mail box at 3670 Aqua Lane. It is next to the garage door. This mail box can be used for donations, advertising payments or any other CSAC communication

YANA PROGRAM

Utilizes uniformed senior citizens to provide a variety of services under the direction of the Oceanside Police Department. Services include vehicle patrol of neighborhoods, traffic control, security checks, welfare checks of homebound seniors and disabled individuals. Contact (760) 435-4763.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

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@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 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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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



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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

"It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things."

— Theodore Roosevelt

*****HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL*****



ASSURED

Before real estate, I was a hotel manager. On one such assignment in 1986 I was working to build a boutique luxury hotel in Baltimore on the Inner Harbor. My boss's boss was HR "Bob" Haldeman and I found myself at breakfast with him at the Hay Adams Hotel in Washington DC, staring out the window at the White House. I asked Bob why people owned hotels when they had to write a check for \$20,000/month to keep the place open. He said, "There are a lot of countries in the world where your property can be nationalized, socialized, or outright stolen. Here in America, you can park your thirty million dollars and know that it will still be yours in ten years. That is worth twenty thousand dollars a month." We, here in Costa Serena, are benefactors of the strongest economy and most stable government in the world. We don't even think about the value of that strength, we just assume it is so. American real estate is still globally one of the best. How blessed we are to have this benefit for our investments and homes. Considering selling or planning a future sale? Please call me for a free consultation.

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!!!

"Getting old is like climbing a mountain; you get a little out of breath, but the view is much better!" Ingrid Bergman

Landscape con'd from page 4

TREES

We love our trees in Costa Serena because trees absorb harmful pollutants and gases like carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and ozone from the air, providing shade and privacy and releasing the oxygen we breathe.

TREES

However, tree-related neighbor disputes take on many forms, including, common disputes related to:

TREES

- Property damage associated with the encroachment of a neighbor's roots or branches onto your property
- Damage caused by falling trees or branches
- Damages and destruction or harm to another's trees

Three things to consider regarding your trees:

1. Since we are not an HOA you are completely responsible for growth and maintenance of your trees
2. Talking to your neighbor solves 98% of all tree-related issues
3. Be cautious and respectful when trimming or cutting your neighbor's encroaching branches or roots

Ray Brown, 415-815-8934

NEVER FORGET 9/11

“Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children.”
George W. Bush

ANSWER: A) Billie Jean King