



Neighborly News

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Dept. (760) 931-2197

Hours of Operation

Exercise Facility
Multi-purpose Room
Mon-Thurs 6a.m.-8p.m.
Fri / Sat 6a.m.-7p.m.
Sun 6a.m.-6p.m.
Pools
Daily 5a.m.-10p.m.

What's New with the Rebate?

See Page 2 for a recent turn of events.

Board Member Election:

By the time you get this newsletter, the balloting for Board seats will be completed, however at the time of publication, the ballots have not been tallied. A special announcement will be posted to the website and a mailing will be sent announcing the results.

Friendly Reminders:

Keep your dogs on leashes! Other residents and their families may not be as comfortable around dogs as you are. And of course, pick up after them. Nobody likes to have to pick up after someone else's dog.

Pay attention to the pool rules: No Large inflatables, 4 guests per home, keep a close eye on your children as we do not have lifeguards. No Glass, No Alcohol, No Smoking. No Pets. **You must bring your pool key to gain access. If you've lost your key, contact the office.

RV's, Boats, Trailers, etc... Please remember that these can only be parked on our streets or drive-ways for 24 hours in a 7 day period.



What's New with Water Regulations And the Turf Rebate?

Last month, we reported on the new round of water restrictions that will affect all of us and our ability to water our landscape. We are all concerned about the extended drought and the impacts to the economy and quality of life in California. Yet, we all want to keep our grass green and our homes looking their best.

To recap:

The new restrictions on water use has created a problem for La Costa Oaks and many communities, as we know with the heat of summer approaching, we will not be able to keep the grass areas green, or possibly even alive.

What to do? We applied for a large rebate to replace the parkway grass areas in front of the homes with low water use, drought tolerant plants and succulents. In short the So Cal Water Smart Rebate program was modified many week AFTER we applied. Our submission met all of the requirements at the time of application and was similar to other communities that had been recently approved for the rebate.

Ultimately, the Water Authority changed the rebate program, made an announcement of that change, and then rejected our application as it did not meet the new requirements. Under the new program, the most the HOA could receive is \$25,000. Under the old program, we were in line to receive \$700,000, which would have paid for the replacement and created NO out of pocket costs to the HOA/Homeowners.

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Needless to say, we are all disappointed and shocked by this turn of events. So, what is next? The Board of Directors, Landscape Committee, Management, and our Landscaper are all working to do the following:

- * Keep the grass alive. Yes, we know it is browning. We are monitoring it and working closely with the 3 local water agencies so that we can balance costs of water, keeping the grass alive and avoiding harsh penalties for using more water than we are allowed. Fines can be \$1000/meter/month, the HOA has 55 meters. Nobody wants association dollars going to pay for fines.

- * Use our connections with local water agencies, politicians, and professional organizations to have our application reconsidered. We know this is a long shot, but we are trying to shine light on a situation that does not seem right. If you have connections that you think can help us, please contact Carl in the onsite office.

- * Redoubling our efforts to ensure that all controllers, valves and sprinklers are working properly to make the best use of the water. Park West Landscape is modifying their staffing to aerate and amend the grass areas to ensure that any water is well absorbed to the roots of the grass.

- * Considering any and all options. We are putting to test the adage that Necessity is the Mother of Invention. We have looked at spray paint to reclaimed water trucks. If you have a solution, please email Carl and we will look into it.

Summer BBQ
Save the Date - Saturday Aug. 1st.
From 11 AM to 2 PM
Lunch Served at Noon, Brett's BBQ
Games, DJ, Activities, and great time to meet all of
your neighbors.

RSVP!!
Via email: rsvp@lacostaoakshoa.org

We need to know how:
Name, Address, # of Adults, # of Children

Rsvp by July 17th. Space is limited. Thank you!

Registration Forms **UPDATE:**

So far, we have only heard from 25% of the community. Please take a minute to fill out the form and email it to us. We will not share this contact information. It is purely for internal use and will allow us to contact you quickly and cost effectively. *Thank You*, to all the residents who have filled out the registration form! It is greatly appreciated.

Rattle Snake Warning

As the warm weather returns, so do the snakes. We have had a number of reports recently. Keep your eyes and ears open as you are walking in the community.



Call 911 or 619-236-2341 for rattlesnake removal.
Carlsbad Fire Trucks are equipped to deal with snake removals.



LA COSTA OAKS

REGISTRATION FORM

*LCO Address: _____ Carlsbad, CA 92009

Mailing Address (If different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Owners Name: _____ *Owners Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

*Cell Phone: _____ *Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

*Email: _____ *Email: _____

*PoolCard#1 _____ *PoolCard#2 _____

Neighborhood: _____ Builder: _____

Model: _____ Elevation: _____

Paint Scheme: _____

Common Area/Back Fence Type: Glass, Metal, Wood (Circle One)

Do you rent out your home?

If so, Renters Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you use a Property Manager?

If so, Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Return by email to: cweise@keystonepacific.com
or stop by the office: 7400 Circulo Sequoia Carlsbad, CA 92009