



Neighborly News

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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 Going on Around La Costa Oaks?

Crime...Is always a concern. Most times, we hear of burglaries near our homes. Usually, these are crimes of opportunity. However, we are experiencing more issues with vehicle speeding, accidents, property damage and now felony vandalism.

On the weekend of January 16th, vandals attempted to cut down two very large, mature and healthy California Pepper Trees on association owned and maintained land, located behind 3545 & 3549 Corte Romero. It appears that an axe or hatchet was used to cut a wedge in the tree's main trunk about 4 feet above the ground where the diameter of the tree is 30 inches.

An arborist has advised us that the trees cannot be saved. Therefore the Association has had to pay to finish what the vandal started. Mature replacement trees will cost about \$18,000. At this time, the board has decided not to file an insurance claim, but to fund the repair from our Landscaping Expense budget. Unfortunately this reduces what we can afford to spend replacing poorly performing trees in the parkways within the community.



Had the tree fallen while being cut, it could have severely injured or killed the vandal or other people in the area, it could have damaged the block and glass wall, the nearby homes, or it could have possibly hit a car or caused an accident.

To attempt to cut a tree of this size without proper training and skill is simply dangerous and foolhardy.

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Easter Bunny visits La Costa Oaks!

Saturday, March 19, from 9-11

La Costa Oaks Clubhouse
7400 Circulo Sequoia

- ❖ Easter Bunny
- ❖ Balloon Artist
- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Crafts
- ❖ Continental Breakfast

The bunny will be available for pictures with your little ones. Don't forget to bring your camera! Kindly respond by March 11th, limited space available. **RSVP here:** <http://lacostaoakseaster.rsvpify.com>. Your reservation will enable us to have plenty of food and craft supplies for everyone.



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This has been reported to the Carlsbad Police Department as a crime. If you have seen something related to this, please contact the Carlsbad Police: 760-931-2197 and reference Crime Report # 16-00457 or speak with investigating Officer, Cody Green.

They will interview residents to see if anyone has recently seen people or cars which looked out of place. If the police identify a suspect, we will encourage the fullest prosecution allowed by the law.

We ask the residents to be extra observant and if you see any suspicious activities in the area please call the police immediately. We want to stop vandalism at its earliest stage before more landscaping is damaged or it escalates to other crimes.



Accidents & Speeding

We all have seen cars speeding through the community. We had another accident on February 4th. A vehicle was speeding on Circulo Sequoia and completely sheared off a tree and damaged our mailbox. Thankfully, no residents were hurt. PLEASE, take your time, SLOW DOWN and be a defensive driver. The Carlsbad Police are aware of our speeding issue and will provide more traffic enforcement.

So, why don't we have Speed Bumps/Humps?

1. Fire Departments generally do not want them as they are a hindrance to providing emergency services.
2. Legal Issues: Municipalities have been sued by drivers who claim that it was not their reckless behavior, but a speed bump that caused their accident. Based on this, most cities will not install them any longer.

FYI:

Last year, the landscaping at the La Costa Avenue entry was renovated. The landscaping was old, the trees were in poor health and failing. The landscape committee worked with management and Park West to create a new sustainable design yet keeping in the theme of the community and the dry realities of Southern California. The board approved this plan and will be reviewing similar plans for the other major entry points to La Costa Oaks at the February 16th board meeting.

To Gate, or not to Gate, that is the Question.

Another common question that we hear is, “Why don’t we install entry gates, won’t that prevent crime within La Costa Oaks? It sounds like a good idea, right?

Here is what we’ve learned about installing entry gates:

1. The community was designed to utilize city streets, not private streets.
2. We would have to get the city to agree to sell us the streets, then use HOA assessments to pay for maintenance, repairs and replacement.
3. The city would not be allowed per CA code to put gates in certain areas, as they would effect existing traffic patterns in and out of our community.
4. We would need to install **28** gates for the entire community. What we provide for one section of the community, must be provided for all sections of the community, aka. “Equitable Servitude.”
5. EVERY La Costa Oaks vehicle would have to be registered with the HOA. 820 homes x 3 cars/home = 2400+ vehicles to register and pay for transponders to open the gates.
6. Guest access could create a traffic nightmare entering the community.

It all comes down to Prohibitive Costs, Potential Delays, Legal & Logistical Improbabilities, and the community was just not planned by the developer to include entry gates.

Dates to Remember:

Applications are due to the office by:

Thursday, February 25th for the March Review Meeting.

Thursday, March 31st for the April Review Meeting.

This committee meets on the first Thursday of each month.

Landscape Committee:

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 4:30pm at the Oaks Club.

Board of Directors Meetings:

Meets once per month, next meeting is 7:00 PM, Tues. March 15th at the Oaks Club.

LEAP DAY EVENT: Monday February 29th

* Food Drive All Day, 8AM - 8 PM

* Snack/Dessert Reception: 6 PM - 8 PM

At the Oaks Club 7400 Circulo Sequoia