



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.



A record crowd of over 370 La Costa Oaks residents had a blast at this year's Oktoberfest! How can you go wrong with Craft Beer, Root Beer Floats, Brat's and Pretzels?



Update on Homeowner Forum with Carlsbad Police Department

Jodee Sasway, Lt. Chris Boyd, and Lt. Jeff Chapman came to talk with La Costa Oaks residents about the shooting incident of September 1st. The LCO Board and management have been in communication with the Carlsbad Police ever since the incident took place. This forum was scheduled to provide factual firsthand details about the incident. A number of residents along with Board Members and neighboring stakeholders attended.

After Lt.'s Boyd and Chapman provided details of what happened before, during and after the incident, the floor was opened up to questions from the participants. The Police provided direct answers and reiterated the mantra, **"If you see something, Say Something!"** You know best if a person or situation taking place within the community "looks odd".

Please report it to Police immediately. You will need to determine if it warrants a 911 call, or a call to the **Non-Emergency Police Line: 760-931-2197**.

The Police reminded us to not engage in a potentially dangerous confrontation. The Police operator will be in contact with the dispatcher as you are on the phone with them and continue to ask questions to get clarification and details.

Also attending the meeting were representatives from Hunter's Pointe Apartments, Center for Natural Lands Management and Vallecitos Water District, as they are neighboring land owners.

The Board of Directors will continue to discuss this issue and advocate with the City of Carlsbad. The Carlsbad Police have since committed to an increased physical presence in this area.

Solar Policy Change

In July, homeowners were sent a copy of the proposed rule changes for installation of solar panels. Homeowners were given two months to respond and comment on the proposed changes. At the September Board Meeting, the Board reviewed the comments and voted unanimously to finalize and adopt the proposed changes. A copy of the rule change has been added to the community website.

If you are planning to install solar panels, contact the office for details and to obtain the Architectural Application. Remember that the deadline for applications is the last Thursday of each month and the meeting is held on the first Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact Carl or Jennifer at the onsite management office.



Landscape, Grass, Trees and Water

We certainly talk a lot about these items, don't we? Your HOA Board, Landscape Committee, Management, Park West and Four Seasons Tree Care all have spent a large amount of time to maintain and revitalize the common areas. The Board has asked for, and will be reviewing, additional proposals and renderings to renovate more landscaped areas that are in need of improvement. We anticipate these projects to be approved at the October 25th Board Meeting and work may begin in November. Much of this additional work is being funded through cost savings that have made it to the bottom line of the HOA financials.

Parkway Turf Renovation is well underway. You have seen some areas of the grass turning white and now brown, additional seed has been spread and is beginning to germinate to fill in the bare areas. This process will continue as the weeds are eradicated and fescue fills in. Yes, you are seeing a mid-day watering of the parkways. We have added this run time to keep the soil moist which will help the new seed to germinate and take root. Note that we have lowered the minutes of run times in the evening to accommodate this extra mid-day cycle.

Parkway Trees: The first wave of removals and replacements are planned for January 2017. This is a large project that cannot and should not be done all at once. Our arborist has identified the worst of the worst trees, yet the final list has not been approved by the landscape committee or Board. The other part of this is finding healthy nursery stock of the most suitable replacement trees. We are working on finding species that meet our list of requirements: size appropriate for narrow parkways, water wise, natives are preferred as they will be naturally disease and pest resistant, preferably evergreen vs. deciduous, low or non-littering, etc. This narrows our list quite a bit. We have a short list and will find good quality trees. Many of our existing trees have root issues, as they were kept too long in the nursery boxes before they were planted.

Water Use: We continue to balance the needs of the landscaping with water conservation and have replaced thousands of nozzles and heads this year. This still only represents a small portion of the total nozzles/heads within the community. Efficiency is our goal. Through September of this year, we are using slightly more water than last year, providing enough water to keep the plants healthy and thriving.

Safety Reminders:

Remember, to keep your eyes open! It's the time of year for rattlesnakes, coyotes, mountain lions and wildfires. As the weather heats up, so do the risks. Take proactive steps to avoid dangerous encounters when you are out and about.

- ◆ Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- ◆ Keep Pets on a short leash.
- ◆ Keep children close at hand.
- ◆ Be especially careful near dusk and dawn.
- ◆ Consider carrying a noisemaker, bells or whistle. We've seen hikers carry a tall walking stick or golf club as well.
- ◆ Never turn your back on an animal you encounter. Keep Calm! Keep facing the animal as you back away from it.

Dates to Remember:

Architectural Committee Review Meeting:

This committee meets on the first Thursday of the month.

****Home Improvement applications are due to the office by:**

Thursday, October 27th for the November Review Meeting.

Wednesday, November 23rd for the December Review Meeting.

Landscape Committee:

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

Board of Directors Meetings:

Tuesday October 25th, 7:00PM at the Oaks Clubhouse.

The November Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd.

Save the date:

Saturday, December 10th: Breakfast with Santa

Thursday, December 15th: Adult Holiday Party

Thanksgiving Hours:

	<u>Pools</u>	<u>Gym/Clubhouse</u>	<u>Office</u>
Thanksgiving Nov. 24	Open	Closed	Closed
Black Friday Nov. 25	Open	Open 6am - 6pm	Closed