



# ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## Rossmoor CSD News

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### THE SIGNATURE WALL: A PRIVILEGE- NOT A RIGHT



The Rossmoor Community Services District makes it possible for the residents of Rossmoor to post signs, free of charge, on the Signature Brick Wall surrounding the community.

**There is a formal process for the posting of signs on the Signature Wall.** Anyone wishing to post a sign on the wall must first call the RCSD. We will check wall space availability for you over the phone, however, **you must come into the office and formally request a sign and approval form.**

The RCSD Office will inform you when and where to post your sign. The RCSD will also provide you with a permit and approval seals, which must be placed on your sign prior to posting. **All signs must be professionally printed; no homemade signs (no matter how attractive) are permitted.**

**The following locations are permitted by the RCSD:**

- Hedwig Road, on the curved portion of the Wall in two assigned locations.
- Bradbury Road, on the curved portion of the Wall in two assigned locations.

- St. Cloud Drive on the curved portion of the Wall in two assigned locations
- Katella Avenue at Wallingsford Road on the Wall next to the brick veneer in two assigned locations.
- **First Come, First Served**
- **NO SIGNS are permitted at Orangewood**

**The maximum allowable size of each sign is 3' x 6'.** Signs must be attached using the brackets currently installed on the wall for signage. Except for the currently installed brackets, no hardware may be used to attach signs. **Signs may not be attached with duct tape or any other adhesives.**

Signs of a political nature, or those which contain content violating the regulations set forth in the current RCSD guidelines will not be cleared for posting.

**Be courteous and remove your sign on time. Do not remove any previously posted signs that do not belong to you or your organization.**



### "CLICK"

- [www.rossmoor-csd.org](http://www.rossmoor-csd.org)
- [www.rossmoor-rha.org](http://www.rossmoor-rha.org)
- <http://legov.ocgov.com>
- [www.oclafco.org](http://www.oclafco.org)

For more info.



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**Contact the RCSD for suspected violations.** All authorized signs that have been removed by the RCSD will be held in the main office located at 3001 Blume Drive. Owners may pick up their signs during regular office hours. Illegally posted signs will be removed and disposed of by staff.

-Liz Deering

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **THE ESSENCE OF YOGA:** Mon. Evenings & Wed. Mornings in Rush Park East Room. Contact Holly Hill at 760.613.8778 or [hollysyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:hollysyoga@yahoo.com)
- **YOGA :** Tues/Thurs at Rush Park- Call the Los Altos YMCA at 562.596.3394 for further info.
- **TENNIS LESSONS:** Contact Fernando Molina at 562.-209-3648. OR Mike Moorewood at 562-225-6931
- **STREET SWEEPING:** 1st & 3rd Mondays of each Month. No StreetParking from 8 am-4:30pm.



## From Henry's Desk



**A**s we begin a new year, it seems appropriate to reflect upon the accomplishments of the past year. The RCSD President's State of the District, which may be viewed on the RCSD website, is an expression of what must be characterized as a year of change. It is my task, however, to look forward to working with a new Board of Directors. For the first time in almost three years, the staff will be working with three new members. Some might look upon this as a challenge; I prefer to view it as an opportunity to improve on our service delivery while anticipating the future needs of the community.

There are also changes in staffing, due to new opportunities for departing employees. We welcome the infusion of new energy and creativity from incoming staff. The combined talents of the new Board and staff will be vital in coping with the fiscal unknowns lurking on the horizon. Everywhere, stability and certainty are being replaced with concern and rapid alterations in our environment. Having recently gone through an exhaustive review of our financial condition, the District is better prepared than ever to meet these challenges. We have gained a clearer understanding of both the public and private institutions which affect our governance.

Above all, the future of Rossmoor should be influenced by the blending of community elements resulting in an ever cohesive vision to fuel the momentum required for progress. Perhaps the time is right for a strategic planning process that provides the optimum participation from all of our stakeholders. We must set a course for the future and particularly, identify the resources needed to accomplish our goals. A person wiser than I once coined these words, **"If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there."** The road ahead may be demanding, but it should be traveled with assurance, not surprise.

-Henry Taboada,

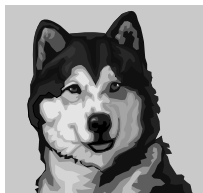
RCSD General Manager

### *Tree Consultant -Randy Reveals-*

*"Recent joint research by the University of Michigan & the Horticulture Research Institute have proven that good landscaping adds 5-11% to the value of your home."*



**LEASH YOUR DOG**  
In Rossmoor's Parks.  
Owners of unleashed dogs will be cited.



FOR INFO. ON SO CAL  
OFF LEASH AREAS

GO TO:

[www.hautedogs.org/offleash.html](http://www.hautedogs.org/offleash.html)

### REMINDER

No Signs Are Permitted  
On the Parkway



**For GRAFFITI Removal**  
call the County's  
Graffiti Hotline at  
(714) 834-3400

## 21ST CENTURY TRASH



As with everything else, it seems that even our trash has become more complicated. How we dispose of what we discard has become increasingly important. **Electronic waste is the leading contributor of lead in landfills and contains many other harmful metals.**

Analog television will be phased out on February 17, 2009, and digital will be phased in. If you don't plan to use a converter box on your old TV, you'll have to dispose of it somehow...but how?

CR&R offers residents two annual (2) bulky item pick-ups with a four (4) item limit free of charge. **To schedule a bulky item pick-up at**

**your curbside, call 24 hours in advance of your regular service day. Bulky Items include: Household appliances, furniture, TVs, carpet rolls & mattresses. CR&R Customer Service number: 800.826.9677.**

Retail Chains like Office Max, Staples, and Best Buy have in store recycling bins for batteries and toner cartridges. For \$10-\$15 they will reclaim computer monitors and printers that are boxed and brought into the store.

**What about old cameras, MP3 Players, iPods and mobile phones?** Radio Shack has an online trade-in program that offers store credit in return for old unwanted items. Check their website for details. Certain restrictions do

apply in regard to age and brand.

Remember that it is illegal to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) through the residential program. HHW such as used motor oil, solvents, batteries, cleaning products, fluorescent light tubes, old paint, wood preservatives, pesticides, pool chemicals, printer cartridges and unused road flares, must be disposed of at a certified collection center.

Any questions regarding HHW Collection call: Orange County HHW Hotline at **714.834.6752** or visit **[www.oclandfills.com](http://www.oclandfills.com)**

-Liz Deering



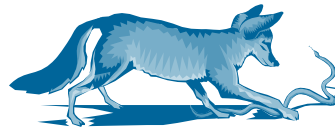
## Urban & Suburban Coyotes ...

Coyotes (*canis latrans*) can be found throughout most of California. They are very adaptable and besides inhabiting rural areas of the state, have permanently blended themselves into our suburban landscape. Emboldened by hunger, and decreasing habitat, coyotes have been sighted trotting down suburban sidewalks in broad daylight. Young coyotes tend to be more active during the day than adults.

January, February and March is the usual breeding season in California for this clever carnivore. Coyotes produce one litter per year, with litter sizes averaging 5-6 pups. May through September is the time coyotes care for their young

and can be particularly aggressive towards any perceived threats.

A coyote's typical diet consists of rodents, reptiles, amphibians, fruit, baby deer, birds and their eggs, insects and carrion. Coyotes living in rural areas prey heavily on sheep, cattle and poultry. In urban and suburban areas coyotes have expanded their diet to include domestic dogs and cats, garbage, and pet food. Small pets are easy prey for a coyote and should be kept indoors at night and during the hours of dawn and dusk. Feed your pets indoors, if possible, or promptly remove their food bowls after meals. Empty and remove water bowls after dark. Secure



outdoor garbage at all times or keep it indoors. Cover and fence in ripe fruit trees and pick up fallen fruit daily.

Although attacks on humans are rare, take care not to leave small children unattended. Coyotes are cunning opportunists, and we must be vigilant in minimizing their opportunities.

Coyotes are not threatened or endangered in California. They are classified as non-game mammals by the Department of Fish and Game and as such can be taken any time using their approved methods. For more info. Visit their website below:

[http:// www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)



It has been  
my experience  
that folks  
who have  
no vices,  
have very  
few virtues.

ABRAHAM  
-LINCOLN-

**BOARD MEETINGS** : 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Rush Park Auditorium. Also aired on LATV3. Agenda is published on the RCSD Website and copies of these and other public records are available upon request.

## FIRE SAFETY and PREVENTION



- Be sure you and your family have a well known fire escape plan. Practice home fire drills regularly. Purchase fire ladders for upstairs bedrooms. Visit [www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org)
- Check smoke alarm batteries regularly; a system with central backup battery power is best
- Keep several fire extinguishers in your home. Have them recharged periodically per the manufacturer's instructions
- Keep the perimeter of your home clear of dry brush
- **Don't overload electrical sockets**
- Invest in appliances with auto-shut off features, i.e. coffee makers, irons.
- Set timers when cooking. Immediately turn off the oven before removing food so you won't forget.
- Place space heaters (another major cause of fires) at least 3 ft. away from walls and flammable items. Never leave them running when you're not home.
- Never smoke in bed. Make sure all cigarette butts are fully extinguished.
- **Educate your children about the dangers of fire**
- Do not allow children to play with matches or lighters. Thousands of fires are set each year for this reason. Keep flammable items out of the reach of children

**For Emergencies Dial 911**



## Caller ID Spoofing

Credit card thieves and telemarketers have added a new weapon to their arsenal of annoyance. **Spoofing services are readily available over the internet and are surprisingly cheap.** Users provide the Spoofing Service with a number they want to call along with a fake number (and sometimes name) they wish to have appear on the target's Caller I.D. **The Spoofing Service then inserts the fake number into their Caller I.D.** Spoofing has become the prank of choice for mischievous teens and techno geeks. This is alarming for many reasons: First of all, those paying for Caller I.D. Service are no longer getting what they paid for. Many people have been tricked into giving out their credit card numbers and other sensitive information. **Hacking into a rival's voicemail can cause everything from extreme embarrassment to damaged relationships.**

Even more disturbing is that some people have used Spoofing to call in fake 911 Emergencies in order to send police and/or S.W.A.T. Teams to their target's home! Before you begin plotting revenge on a rival however, know this: **the Feds have already passed a bill through the House, called "The Truth in Caller I.D. Act" of 2007.** If this bill makes it through the Senate and becomes law, Spoofing will be against the law.

## Quarterly Quote...

*"A lie can  
travel half way  
around the  
world while  
the truth is  
just putting  
on its shoes."*

-Mark Twain-





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**NEWSPAPER RECYCLING:**

- Last Saturday of each Month at  
Rossmoor Park between 8 am.-1 pm.



***FOR FACILITY RESERVATIONS: FIRST REVIEW OUR WEBSITE AND/OR PICK UP A BROCHURE AT THE RCSD OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO HAVE ONE MAILED TO YOU. BY CHECKING THESE INFORMATIONAL TOOLS FIRST, YOU CAN SAVE VALUABLE TIME WHEN YOU ACTUALLY CALL TO CHECK ON AVAILABILITY.***



## INTERESTING TREEVIA

AN URBAN FORESTRY EDUCATION



Visit us on the web...  
24 hrs a day—7 days a week



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562.497.0118

- Did you know that trees are the longest living organisms on Earth?
- There are approximately 25-30 million real Christmas trees sold in the U.S. each year.
- The tree with the deepest roots is a Wild Fig tree, near Echo Caves in South Africa. It has roots reaching 400 feet deep.
- The oldest tree is a Redwood located in Prairie State Park in California. The tree is known as "Eternal God". It is thought to be 12,000 years old. Some argue that it is only 7,000 years old—which still makes it the oldest.
- The tallest living tree can be found in Montgomery State Reserve in California. This Coast Redwood tree is over 1,000 years old, towers at more than 367 feet and is still growing!
- The slowest growing tree is a White Cedar, which has only grown to less than 4 inches tall during its 155 years on earth.

***Remember: It is illegal to prune, damage or remove a parkway or median street tree. Call the RCSD Office at 562.430.3707 to speak with our Tree Consultant, Randy Reynolds, on any matter concerning these trees.***