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State of the District Address-2010

Outgoing President Shannon Hough gave her State of the District Address at the Tuesday, January 11, 2011 Board Meeting. During her speech the audience learned that the year began in a condition of economic uncertainty; with the State in the midst of another budget shortfall, steeply declining property values, budget cuts and layoffs—in contrast Rossmoor has been surviving, even thriving—enjoying a balanced budget, healthy reserve fund, and a robust capital improvement plan despite the State taking \$72K in property tax revenue. The District's Capital Improvement Program has also been active this past year, finishing or commencing several major projects: The Rossmoor Park Community Center and Snack Shack renovation, construction of the new Rush Park storage center building, the Rush Park Auditorium roof replacement project and the planned refurbishment of Montecito Center facility (to name a few). The District Board was heavily involved in community issues during the year and held several community workshops to address such matters as automated refuse collection, urban forestry and public safety. The District also served as an advocate of the Homeowner's Association and Predator Management Team, helping to mitigate the ever increasing impact of Rossmoor's urban coyotes. Service level improvements were achieved with the implementation of Picnic Site Reservation options at the District parks and Mini-Park locations, in addition to the installation of tetherballs District-wide, and the induction of a Horseshoe pit and auxiliary lighting at Rossmoor Park—making nighttime park use more safe and secure. The year ahead looks promising and the Board intends to continue working with District staff and the public as they polish this jewel of a community into a unique and responsive Special District which will shine for many years to come. The full text version of the 2011 State of the District Address may be viewed on our website. —LD

ELECTION OF OFFICERS RESULTS

This year, two seats were up for election to the Rossmoor Community Services District Board of Directors. Only two individuals ran for the two open seats and both were qualified. As result, there was no need for an election. Director Alfred Coletta was re-appointed for another four-year term (filling his own vacancy) and Director Bill Kahlert was also appointed to a four-year term (filling outgoing Director Joel Rattner's vacancy). The Election of Officers took place at the January 11, 2011 Board Meeting and results were as follows: Jeffrey T. Rips was elected President of the RCSD Board, Shannon Hough was elected 1st Vice President of the Board, Ronald Casey was re-elected as 2nd Vice President of the Board and Alfred Coletta and Bill Kahlert are Directors of the Board. —LD

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BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium. Also aired on LATV3.



RCSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President
Jeffrey Rips
1st Vice President
Shannon Hough
2nd Vice President
Ron Casey
Director
Alfred Coletta
Director
Bill Kahlert

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PAPER DRIVE

RUSH PARK

Last Saturday
of every month.

Contact the RHA
562.799.1401



From Henry's Desk



You may have been reading in our local newspapers and news websites that there has been a lot of activity regarding the future governance of Rossmoor. I can report to you that at the last meeting of the RCSD Board of Directors, a Workshop was held to provide members of the Los Alamitos City Council the opportunity to speak on the topics of providing services to Rossmoor, their General Plan amendment process and their stated goals on the future annexation of Rossmoor. On the latter issue, it was made very clear, that for Los Alamitos it is not a question of *if*, but *when* there will be an attempt to annex Rossmoor.

As for the General Plan amendment process, Rossmoor land use designations (zoning) must be included in their Plan. This is because Rossmoor has been placed in the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of Los Alamitos by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). It was reported at the Workshop that Los Alamitos had supported LAFCO's action to include Rossmoor in their SOI. It remains to be seen how this will ultimately effect Rossmoor in the future.

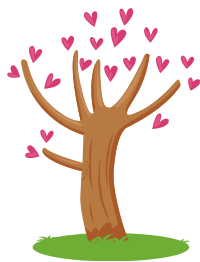
The Workshop was attended by more than 150 residents. This is the first clear indication of community interest in the issues being raised by Los Alamitos. Incorporation has been addressed by Rossmoor, but annexation has not. These two options are at opposite ends of the governance spectrum—However, there is a middle ground. As a Special District, the RCSD has the legal option to expand its current latent powers (parks & recreation, street trees, street lighting, street sweeping) to include police services, animal care services and refuse collection services. These would have to be approved by the County and LAFCO and there would have to be a strong showing of community support to bring this about.

Based on the response to last month's workshop, a second workshop on latent powers will be held during the RCSD's February Board Meeting. The Workshop will begin promptly at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at the Rush Park Auditorium. This will be an opportunity for the community to provide input into the future governance of Rossmoor.
—Henry Taboada

TREE CONSULTANT

-Randy Reports-

Hug a Tree,

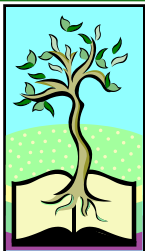


*They Have
Less Issues*

Than Humans!

SAVE
A TREE

LITERALLY!



Sign up to
receive your
newsletter

ELECTRONICALLY

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May Day! May Day!

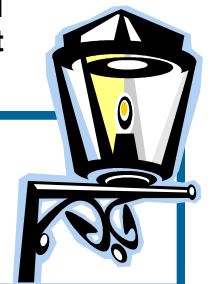
Yes, the Annual Rossmoor Community Festival (formerly called "Picnic") will be held on Sunday, May 1st, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rush Park. **SAVE THE DATE.** If you liked last year's Festival, then you will LOVE this year's Festival since it will be even better. The theme for the Festival this year will be Western! We will have the annual Car Show—but BIGGER, fun rides and activities for kids, food and craft vendors, informational booths, musical and other entertainment and, of course, the Dog Parade. It will be a great time to get out and visit and have fun and food with your neighbors. So get out your boots and cowboy hats! "See ya there pardner!"



Street Light Outages

Report Street Light Outages Directly to Southern California Edison.

1.800.798.7723





tree**talk**

SOME USEFUL DATA

With
Randy
Reynolds

Happy New Year Urban Foresters! In the charts below I have provided you with some Mid-Year Statistics and Current Activities for the RCSD and County of Orange. I hope you find this update helpful.

MID YEAR STATS TO DATE

Tree Trimming	1,161
Safety Trims	106
Removals	19
Scheduled Removals	17
Scheduled Safety Trims (OCPW)	24
Small Tree Removal	4
Planting (currently planting trees)	75

RCSD Current Activities

Park Trimming: Will begin as weather permits
 Tree City USA Application has been submitted
 January 2011 Safety Trim List is being compiled

Orange County Public Works Current Activities

Repairing Selected Sidewalk Sites Districtwide Beginning 2011
 December Safety Trim List
 17 Scheduled Tree Removals

If you have any questions regarding tree trimming, stake removal or replacement, would like to have a tree planted or for any tree-related questions please call the Rossmoor Community Services District at **562-430-3707** or email us at www.rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org for assistance—and remember, **“Our Pride is Rooted in our Urban Forest.”** —RR

CABIN QUIP



“That some should be rich shows that others may become rich.”

ABRAHAM
-LINCOLN-

REPORT UNLEASHED DOGS TO O. C. ANIMAL CONTROL:



Quarterly Quote...

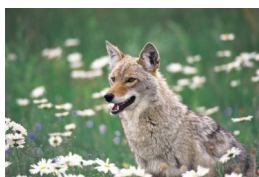


“It is better to deserve honors and not have them, than to have them and not deserve them.”

-Mark Twain-

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL TEAM-WORK!

The Rossmoor Predator Management Team has done a remarkable job managing coyote issues in the local community this past year. Due to their hard work and tenacity, many improvements have taken place, resulting in near cessation in pet deaths and coyote activity! Some the Team's major accomplishments have been: Getting the County to repair and heighten fences, install coyote grates, getting CalTrans to clear brush from the flood control channels and posting coyote warning signs. The Team has been especially proactive in educating all of us with their e-mail updates, monthly newsletter and via the media. **Be sure to report all coyote sightings, injuries and killings to REBTRAVIS@aol.com.** Jim and Patty Alexander have been generous enough to donate air horns to be given to families experiencing coyote activity. To obtain an air horn, e-mail REBTRAVIS@aol.com and one will be delivered to you. If you wish to make a donation upon receiving your air horn, send checks to Tom Thomas, Treasurer, Rossmoor Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 5058, Rossmoor, CA 90721-5058



If that weren't enough RPMT has also taken on the task of reuniting lost pets with their families and rescuing Rossmoor's homeless pets. There's still more to be done. If you want to help with coyote and pet-related issues, contact Dave and Rebecca Lara at REBTRAVIS@aol.com. Thanks RPMT! —LD



RECREATION UPDATE

Did you know that Rossmoor Park's Basketball and Volleyball courts are lighted 7 nights a week year-round? Stop by and enjoy a friendly pick-up game or reserve the courts in advance to guarantee play for a nominal fee.


Enjoy an evening game of doubles on our tennis courts with family or friends. Lighting for tennis courts requires a reservation. **Rossmoor resident rate is \$7 for 1.5 hours of play and \$10 for 1.5 hours of play for non residents.** Free play is available whenever courts are not reserved.

Contact 25-year Veteran Tennis Instructor, Fernando Molina for private and group Tennis lessons for all ages (562) 209-3648.

Rossmoor's Parks also offer picnic site reservations. Sites are filling up quickly for the spring. Plan your family get-together now and enjoy our great scenery and beautifully landscaped parks as well as our softball and soccer fields for great family fun!


Movies in the Park will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this Spring and Concerts in the Park will return for its 2nd year. Shows and dates will be announced in our Spring Newsletter. —EG

The Conversation Continues...



ROSSMOOR Presents...
Community Services District

WHY LATENT POWERS?
Police Services? Animal Care? Refuse Collection? Workshop

 An Empowering Discussion
on Rossmoor's
Future Governance.

**TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 8TH
AT 7 PM**

Rush Park Auditorium—3021 Blume Drive—Rossmoor CA

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