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Who's Looking Out For You?



The Rossmoor Homeowners Association (RHA) heads the Rossmoor Community's Neighborhood Watch Program. A good Neighborhood Watch Program is one of the most effective crime prevention tools there is. Do you know who your Block Captain is? Do you have a Block Captain? Since the beginning of 2011 the

RHA has been actively recruiting Block Captains for its revitalized Neighborhood Watch Program. There is no participation fee and RHA membership is not required. One of the advantages of the program is that an alert neighbor usually knows who you are, what type of car you drive and who belongs at your residence, whereas a patrol car probably won't recognize someone as a stranger on your property. There's strength in numbers. Some advantages of the Neighborhood Watch Program are that you will:

- Have an opportunity to meet and get to know your neighbors
- Learn to recognize suspicious activity
- Learn about the 9-1-1 System and how to recognize crimes
- Learn about specific neighborhood issues
- Learn home security techniques (landscaping, lighting, alarms)
- Meet dedicated police personnel who care

Lieutenant Robert Wren of the Orange County Sheriff's North Operations has assigned a deputy in the North Operations Neighborhood Enhancement Team to be the point of contact regarding Neighborhood Watch in Rossmoor. A meeting with the deputy has already taken place, and he is providing on-going information and advice to RHA's Neighborhood Watch Committee.

To volunteer to be a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, or to request additional information, send an e-mail to RossmoorNeighborhoodWatch@gmail.com or phone (562) 799-1401 or (562) 596-8674.

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BOARD MEETINGS

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



**DOGS MUST BE LEASHED
IN DISTRICT PARKS**
[\\$274 Animal Control Fine](#)

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PURE GENIUS



“... Imagination
is more
important than
knowledge.
Knowledge is
limited.
Imagination
encircles the
world.

Albert Einstein-

OFFICE HRS:

M-F—9 am-5 pm

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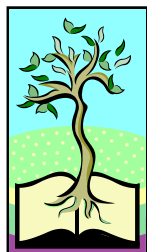


SAVE A TREE

LITERALLY!

Sign up to
receive your
newsletter

ELECTRONICALLY
rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org



From Henry's Desk



My message to the community in this issue is the necessity to communicate effectively with each resident. This quarterly newsletter is an excellent means to inform you of topics that are not time sensitive. Much happens, however, during the course of three months. **Another means of communication is our website. This medium provides both real time and general information. I am pleased to tell you that the District Board of Directors has approved a much needed upgrade to the website and we hope to have it online in the near future.** In the meantime, our current site will continue to provide information such as Board meeting times, current activities such as our summer programs and other topics of interest. **What I believe is the most effective means of communicating with you is for you to be in our email database.** If you are, you know that you receive real time information on topics which influence the future of our community. We promise not to clutter the mail page on your computer with trivial or unnecessary information. In cooperation with the Rossmoor Homeowners Association we are working toward to a community-wide data base that will serve to alert you to what is going on with emergency preparedness alerts, upcoming community meetings affecting the status of Rossmoor and other important notices. **Please send us an email at rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org or call us at 562-430-3707 and join our e-mail database.** We make every effort to stay informed and want you to be informed, as well.

—Henry Taboada

AFTER HRS. & HOLIDAYS : 562.497.0118 (Emergencies Only)



Summer Sense

Camping and barbequing are popular summer activities to be enjoyed. However, always keep in mind, **children are especially at risk of sustaining serious and life altering injuries from backyard barbeques and beach bonfires. Here are some tips to prevent fun times from turning tragic:**

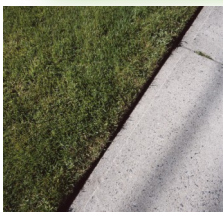
- Never bury hot coals beneath the sand—doing so makes them a hidden danger; when walked upon they can cause severe burns on the soles of the feet or a crawling toddlers hands.
- Treat firepits with the same caution you would around a pool or any other danger; **always assume hot coals and embers lie beneath. Coals can smolder for up to 24 hours.**
- Always monitor children around BBQs; teach children to be mindful of their surroundings and stay away from fire and hot surfaces.
- If an injury does occur, never use ice—it can cause skin damage (especially on delicate children's skin). Wash the burn with cool water for up to 10 minutes. Apply a cool cloth or towel for larger areas. **Take the burn victim to the ER immediately.**
- **[Burn Treatment Tips Link](#)**

—LD



PICNIC POPULARITY

The parks have been brimming with activity this summer. A struggling economy has made outdoor areas increasingly more attractive as alternative and reasonably priced entertainment venues. **The District takes great pride in preserving Rossmoor's lush and beautiful park surroundings for its citizens and encourages park patrons to enjoy quality leisure time in a safe and orderly manner.** In order to continue to maintain this high standard of quality, please observe park rules and regulations so a satisfying experience may be had by all. **Alcoholic Beverages are prohibited.** The following items and activities are **NOT** permitted in any of our parks: **Trackless Trains, Large Obstacle-Course-Type Bounce Houses, Food Vendors, Commercial BBQs/Smokers, Amplified Music or Sound, Live Bands, Live Animals (with the exception of pet dogs on a leash), Pony Rides, Magic Shows, Science Shows, Skateboards.** *This list is not all inclusive. Some activities may be allowed with a Special Use permit, General Manager approval and a \$1 million liability insurance policy.* Applications must be submitted no later than 15 days prior to the event and full payment must be made no later than 10 days prior to your event. The District accepts cash or check only at this time. **Applications will be considered on a case by case basis and are subject to the availability of staff and General Manager approval.** Special Use Applications may be available depending on the nature of your request, will incur an additional fee and are also subject to General Manager approval. Please allow 3 to 5 business days for processing. **Please be courteous to surrounding neighbors—treat others the way you would like to be treated.** Keep park grounds tidy by utilizing all trash receptacles. Keep restrooms clean and sanitary and refrain from excessive water usage and horseplay. Supervise your children at all times. Setup and takedown times must be included in your paid reservation—no overages. For more detailed information, please visit our website at www.rossmoor-csd.org. **Thank you for working with us to ensure that these treasured community assets will be enjoyed by future generations.** —LD



CURB NUMBER PAINTING UNDERWAY

Beginning June 27th the RHA will begin painting curb numbers in Rossmoor. The process is expected to take 3-4 weeks. The painter will be using a motorized painting unit, much like a Go-Kart but much slower with appropriate flags and flashers. There will be no painting on the first and third Mondays. Contact the RHA for more information. 562.799.1401

COMING ATTRACTIONS



SHAKESPEARE



MOVIES



CONCERTS

Quarterly Quote...



"The gross heathenism of civilization has generally destroyed nature, and poetry and all that is spiritual."

-John Muir-

ALL DOGS HAVE TEETH



Does your child know what to do when approached by a strange dog? Do you? There are two safety postures your child should know about to protect themselves against a possible bite from a strange dog. If the child is standing they should [STAND STILL LIKE A TREE](#) and look down at the ground. If the child is on the ground, they should [ACT LIKE A LOG](#)...

Click here for the full article...

Thank you for being Green! Enjoy your Bonus Content.

PAPER DRIVE
RUSH PARK
Last Saturday
of every month.
Contact the RHA
562.799.1401



tree talk

TREE POLICY UPDATE

With
Randy
Reynolds

As we have previously reported, Rossmoor has been designated as a “Tree City USA”. For our community this is a particularly well deserved recognition. The District spends a sizeable amount of its resources in the planting, trimming and removal of dead or diseased trees. One of the major elements of the District’s “Tree Policy” which the Board of Directors established early on was a statement of intent to maintain the community’s urban forest at the highest level possible.

One of the mainstays of the policy is that every parkway in front of each residence has at least one street tree. Of course, there are some locations where it is impractical to place a tree, but those situations are rare. Recently, the District’s Tree Consultant conducted a survey of each tree in Rossmoor. The survey revealed that there were a small number of parkways that had been paved, cemented, or covered in shrubbery which prevents the planting of tree. Also identified, was another small number of parkways where a resident refused or stated that they did not want a tree.

The District’s Board of Directors has recently updated its tree policy which requires that a tree be planted at every location possible. The policy also includes enforcement procedures for accomplishing this requirement. At locations where the parkway is covered over, the County will be asked to remove that covering, sufficient to plant a tree. At those locations, where a tree is not wanted, residents will be informed that a tree will be planted and that it is their responsibility to water and care for the new tree. It is hoped that all residents will cooperate in making Rossmoor’s urban forest the best that it can be.