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# RCSD

## NEWS



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## We want to hear from you!

Please take the time to fill out our brief survey, available in the office (soon available on our website). The information collected will be used to help us make the best choices for the community.



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## RECREATION UPDATE

Emily James is doing a great job as the RCSD's new Recreation Coordinator. Some of the projects she has worked on since her arrival, such as **the completion of the Rush Park Softball Field, collaborating with the RHA for the Family Fun Days Event this past April and organizing our upcoming Movies in the Park**, have improved Rossmoor Park's facilities and have definitely enhanced the recreation program

The RCSD Board of Directors voted to approve the re-surfacing of both Tot Lots at Rossmoor Park, which were in need of serious repair. **Work on the Tot Lots began on May 4th and was completed in about a week.** The results have been very satisfying. The RCSD has also installed self-locking gates in the outdoor restrooms at both parks.

Currently, the Recreation Department is working on installing **self-locking gates for the Rossmoor Park tennis courts, improving the kitchen and Snack Shack, and adopting Dedicate-A-Tree and Dedicate-A-Bench Programs.** These Dedication Programs will offer a unique way to remember loved ones and recognize special individuals in the community. Information pamphlets for these programs are in the development stage and will be available in the near future.

Some more goals on the horizon of the RCSD Recreation Department are to have **Concerts in the Park, offer Senior Citizen Activities/Programs/Services, establish Adult Pick-Up Leagues, develop a Pee-Wee League for skill development and offer more exercise classes.**

Emily James also has plans to collaborate with the City of Los Alamitos in order to discuss mutual programming. The RCSD is excited about the process of making these goals a reality and improving the services we offer the community.

-Liz Deering

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rush Park Auditorium

June 9, 2009 - 7p.m.

**TREE REMOVAL**

July 14, 2009- 7p.m.

**FY 2009-2010 FINAL BUDGET**

Final Budget, CIP Program,  
Salary Plan, Fee Schedule

## PRESENTATIONS

Rush Park Auditorium

June 9, 2009 - 7p.m.

Paper Drive Relocation to  
Rush Park

Preliminary Budget  
FY 2009-2010

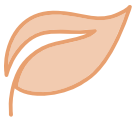
**LEASH YOUR DOG**  
In Rossmoor's Parks.  
Owners of unleashed  
dogs will be cited.



REPORT UNLEASHED DOGS  
TO ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL  
CONTROL AT:  
**714-935-6427**

TREE CONSULTANT  
**-Randy Reports-**

*Watering, staking,  
and trunk  
protection are the  
main concerns  
with new trees.  
Take care not to  
remove tree wells,  
and stakes  
prematurely.*



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A TREE**  
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## From Henry's Desk



Trees are big in Rossmoor and beautiful too. As you can tell from the number of references in our newsletters, maintaining our urban forest is a major activity for the RCSD. Our policy states that parkway and median trees shall be planted in all available, suitable sites. More important, RCSD policy prohibits trimming, damaging, or removing a tree without authorization from the RCSD. Tree removal is only a last resort when all other means to save a healthy tree have failed. Trees are removed when diseased, create a hazard or when home remodeling requires moving the location of the existing tree. Please refer to the RCSD policy for details regarding these and other restrictions.

In regard to tree root blockage of a sewer lateral (the sewer line from a residence to the main sewer in the street), RCSD policy provides that sewer lateral maintenance is the responsibility of the individual homeowner. Experience has indicated, that sewer lateral maintenance, if done annually, can be both cost effective and limit property damage. Most licensed plumbers can perform this type of maintenance.

There will be a **PUBLIC HEARING, JUNE 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.** at the meeting of the RCSD Board of Directors at the **RUSH PARK AUDITORIUM** to consider a petition by homeowners on Rossmoor Way, to remove median trees on that street. These homeowners have indicated that they believe the removal of the median trees would prevent sewer lateral damage to those residences. **THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO GIVE TESTIMONY TO THE BOARD DURING THIS HEARING** regarding whether or not to change the District's policy regarding the removal of trees, such as those on Rossmoor Way. Since this is a matter which could affect the entire community, **THE BOARD WISHES THAT ALL SIDES OF THIS ISSUE BE HEARD.**

### REMINDER

Garage Sale Signs cannot be attached to trees or placed on the parkway



# tree talk

With  
Randy  
Reynolds

**It's that time of year again...**

when the trees in our neighborhoods remind us, with their new glossy green foliage, that they have emerged from their winter slumber and are actively growing. **Now is the perfect time for that little extra shot of B1 vitamin or light dose of fertilizer** (washed down with a good soaking of water) which will give them that extra burst of energy to help them grow.

While you're planting those new flowers in your garden, or outside chatting with those wonderful **neighbors, some effective watering techniques** are to fill the basin around that **newly planted tree** or set the water hose at the base of the tree and let it dribble very slowly so there is no runoff into the street. **For established trees, extra water on the parkway during hot days relieves stress** on them the same way water helps you! Trees release water into the environment on hot days to cool the air around them, which in turn helps cool us.

**REMEMBER GIRDLING KILLS TREES!** **Girdling is an activity that injures the bark on a tree trunk and extends around much of the trunk's circumference.** Such injuries, often caused by lawnmowers and weed trimmers, destroy the tree's most vital membranes, the layers that conduct water and minerals from the roots to the leaves and return the food produced by the leaves to the rest of the tree.

**If you have any concerns regarding your parkway tree, please call Rossmoor CSD** and we will provide a visual inspection to determine if your tree warrants any maintenance. Enjoy your tree!

# SOLAR POWER HARNESS THE SUN

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY.** Since the consumption of our planet's nonrenewable energy sources (petroleum, coal, natural gas and propane) has reached staggering amounts, the use of solar power is becoming more popular. **Solar generators** are not only being utilized as an emergency resource, but also to reduce home energy bills. Purchasing a **solar water heater** is also a smart move. Although the initial purchase price can be substantial, the money you will save in the long run is well worth it. Be sure to select the proper water heater for your climate. Passive solar water heaters (which don't use electricity) are best for use in warmer climates.

**SOLAR LIGHTING.** Humans have used solar lighting since early history. The most common form is known as **Daylighting**, where

passive technologies are used to illuminate a particular space. **Skylights** are one form of daylighting. **The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that the average skylight placed in a home pays for itself within five years** through lower electric bills. Research your options on the internet. There are a variety of **solar panels** and **solar roof tiles** available.

Currently many **interior solar lighting** choices are on the market. I recently purchased some indoor solar lanterns from a local retailer and use them every evening. **A wealth of attractive outdoor lighting** is also available for illuminating walkways and garden paths. Most of the batteries are rechargeable and/or replaceable.

**SOLAR HEALTH.** Our bodies convert solar radiation into vitamin D, an essential element. Solar lighting also allows the body to get a higher dosage of indirect sunlight, giving one the benefits of sun exposure while minimizing the chances of skin cancer.

*-Liz Deering*

## BOW WOW WOES

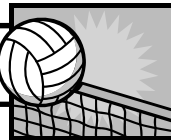


RCSD Staff have been dealing with the ongoing problem of OFF-LEASH DOGS in our parks. Here are some points to keep in mind before you unleash your pet on the community:

- Respect your neighbor's preferences. Not everyone is a dog lover.
- Any dog, of any size, can be dangerous. All dogs have teeth and are capable of inflicting harm on a human or other animal.
- Dogs can be unpredictable with children. Many children are frightened by dogs and have not been taught how to properly approach or interact with dogs (and vice-versa).
- If you want to let your dog roam free, there are many dog parks and beaches in the surrounding area which allow dogs off leash. Your own fenced-in backyard is the perfect place to play a game of catch.
- Understand that rules in public places exist to ensure the safety and welfare of the *entire* community. Show respect for others and set an example for your children by following those rules.
- An unleashed dog is at risk for being hit by a car. No matter how well trained you believe your pet to be, there are always distractions which tempt obedience.
- Remember, violators will be cited by Animal Control. If you spot a dog running loose in the park call Orange County Animal Control at 714.935.6427

*Be a responsible dog owner*

## SUMMER FUN



**Enjoy Rossmoor's well-maintained recreation facilities 7 days a week!**

This summer, minimize the video games and bring your family to the park. It's important for elementary school-aged children to be active in sports or recreation at least 30 minutes a day. This can help improve their self-esteem, increase social skills and help prepare them for a lifetime of being fit and healthy.

**Take advantage of Rossmoor Park's lighted basketball courts and lighted sand volleyball court on warm summer evenings.** Lighted tennis courts are also available with a reservation. Hate waiting for an open court? Make a reservation by calling the Rush Park office at (562) 430-3707. **Tennis rates are \$6 per hour and a half of play for residents and \$8 for non residents.** Payments can be made in exact cash only at the Rossmoor Park office drop box at time of play.

*-Emily James*



*"Towering genius distains a beaten path. It seeks regions hitherto unexplored."*

**ABRAHAM  
-LINCOLN-**

Source: January 27, 1838 -  
Address Before the Young Men's  
Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois

**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.



*Quarterly  
Quote...*

*"The First Lady  
is an unpaid  
public servant  
elected by  
one person—  
her husband."*

*-Lady Bird Johnson-*



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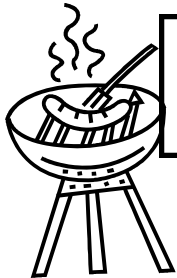
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### STREET SWEEPING

1st & 3rd Mondays of each Month.  
No Street Parking from 8 am-4:30pm.  
NO EXCEPTIONS



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**DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US, SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST, FROM NOON TO 4 P.M.  
FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY BARBEQUE AT RUSH PARK.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE RHA AT 562.799.1401



VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE FOR  
MORE INFO.!

THIS YEAR WILL BE  
**BIGGER &  
BETTER** THAN EVER!  
**BIGGER SCREEN!  
BETTER  
REFRESHMENTS!**

**movies**  
**IN THE PARK 2009**



THE SNACK SHACK  
WILL BE OPEN!

JOIN US FOR THIS ONE OF A KIND FAMILY EVENT.  
In order to maximize your comfort we recommend you bring the following items: **Folding Chairs, blankets, flashlight and insect repellent.**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH: KUNG FU PANDA**

Animated Feature

Voices by: Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Jackie Chan, Angelina Jolie

**FRIDAY, JULY 17TH: GREASE**

Comedy Musical Romance

John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, Jeff Conaway

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST: BEDTIME STORIES**

Comedy/Fantasy

Adam Sandler, Keri Russell, Guy Pierce