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LAFCO PUBLIC FORUM



March 12, 2008 was an important day for Rossmoor. Over 600 people attended the LAFCO Public Forum held at the Harriet Weider Auditorium located in Rush Park in Rossmoor.

The Special District of Rossmoor bears the distinction of being the largest developed unincorporated island remaining in Orange County. The community was built out 50 years ago and the County has been providing most of the Municipal Services since. Rossmoor has definitely come to a fork in the road:

To remain the way it is, or to become a city. Since the LAFCO Public Forum, the RCSD has received many requests for public records. It is encouraging to witness the amount of community involvement concerning this issue.

We would especially like to thank the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission for holding their March Meeting in the community of Rossmoor and for their outstanding community outreach efforts.

-Liz Deering

To view a forecasted plan for services visit the RCSD website.

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- www.rossmoor-csd.org
- www.rossmoor-rha.org
- www.RossmoorCity.org
- www.oclafco.org

For more info. on
Incorporation.



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will not take any role in a campaign or election for or against incorporation.



-Henry Taboada



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LAFCO ACTS ON APPLICATION FOR INCORPORATION

At a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO/Commission) hearing on May 22nd, the Commission approved the RCSD's Application for Incorporation by a vote of 6-1. The Commission also voted to forward their decision to the County Board of Supervisors in order to place the Measure on the November 4th General Election Ballot. The Board of Supervisors will take up the matter at their meeting on June 24, 2008. The incorporation measure would require a simple majority of those voting to pass. The Commission also approved two companion measures for a 7% and a 9% utility users tax (UUT), one of which would also have to pass by a simple majority, as a condition of incorporation. Should both UUT measures pass, the one with the highest vote total would be implemented.

Also on that ballot would be measures for certain seats on the RCSD Board of Directors and for the new City Council. Should incorporation be approved, the RCSD would continue in its current role until January 1, 2009, the date of incorporation. The RCSD would then be dissolved and the new City Council would begin the transition from the RCSD to the new city. County services would be provided to Rossmoor until June 30, 2009.

Should incorporation fail, the RCSD would continue in place with services being provided by the RCSD and the County. In either case, the RCSD will be tracking the County's budget process to determine what, if any effect, the State's budget will have on the RCSD for the coming fiscal year. Moreover, the RCSD

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **YOGA** : Tues/Thurs at Rush Park- Call the Los Altos YMCA at 562.596.3394 for further info.
- **NEWSPAPER RECYCLING**: Last Saturday of each Month at Rossmoor Park between 8 am.-1 pm.
- **MOVIES IN THE PARK**: Third Friday in June, July and August..
- **TENNIS LESSONS**: Contact Fernando Molina at 562.-209-3648.



Our Tree Consultant Says...

*"A single tree
can absorb the
CO2 Emissions
from four
cars annually;
that same tree
will also supply
enough oxygen for a
family of four."*



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



From Henry's Desk



Come shoot some hoops at Rossmoor Park! The Basketball Courts are now sporting attractive new backstops. The park's tennis courts have also gotten a makeover recently; all four courts have been repaired and the wind-screens have been replaced, so they look great and are ready for use. Finally, we will be replacing four eight-foot long picnic tables and have installed four replacement barbecues for your outdoor dining convenience. Now you'll be able to enjoy the parks even more this summer thanks to another grant from the County of Orange.

Repairs to the Rossmoor Community Center building are underway. The RCSD is

exploring various options that promise to make this facility more attractive and functional than ever.

Last, but not least, the Youth Center Summer Day Camp Program at Rossmoor Park will begin *June 23rd and will continue until August 29th*. Brochures and registration packets are available at both Rush and Rossmoor Park, or you may contact the Los Alamitos Youth Center at :

**10909 Oak Street, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.
Phone: 562.493.4043.**

Enjoy your summer!

**-Henry Taboada,
-RCSD General Manager**

PARKWAY TREE REMOVALS... (Whose Tree Is It?)



As we have often stated, the Rossmoor urban forest is both an icon of the community and a community asset. Homeowners actually own their own parkways, but through an easement, the area between the curb and sidewalk is under the jurisdiction of the County. Further, by a vote of the people, the Rossmoor Community Services District (RCSD) has been granted the responsibility to manage parkway trees in front of property own-

ers' homes. While an individual homeowner may consider these trees as their property, they are actually the property of the entire community.

As a means of protecting the urban forest from indiscriminant removal, the RCSD has enacted a policy that a healthy tree can only be removed by a permit issued by the RCSD and then only when a tree is diseased or a danger to the public. Exceptions for necessary tree removal are made by the RCSD for home remodeling.

Removal of a parkway tree without RCSD approval is illegal and the property owner may be required to pay for the full value of the tree which was removed which could be substantial. Before acting independently, please take the time to schedule an inspection of your parkway tree by our Tree Consultant in order to assess the tree's condition and to provide you with available options.



CELL PHONES AND 911

Cell phones are phenomenal tools. They have gone from being luxury items to near-necessities; especially if you live in California. Some people use them so exclusively that they have eliminated landline phones from their homes altogether. While this is a savvy way to save money, in an emergency, you may be at a disadvantage. When calling 911 from a landline phone a computer in

the dispatch center shows the dispatcher the name and address of the phone you're using. When placing that same 911 call from a cell phone there is a delay in the response time due to the fact that cell phone numbers are not immediately traceable and identifiable to the 911 Dispatcher. When you make a call on a cell phone, a signal



is sent through the air. The tower picks up the signal, regardless of how close in proximity, cannot automatically pinpoint your location. Make sure you immediately tell the call-taker **WHERE** you are calling from and **WHAT** type of emergency you have, so that call-taker can transfer you to the appropriate center in order to expedite response.

Liz Deering

PREVENTING CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

You're only going to run a quick errand, and you don't feel like dragging that bulky purse or wallet along with you, so you leave it on the passenger seat of your car—in plain sight.

This is the opportunity the thief has been waiting for. In an instant the window is broken and your purse or wallet is gone, along with all of your credit cards, photos, etc. As difficult as it is to believe, some people also leave laptop computers, cell phones, i-pods, and other expensive electronic devices, in clearly

visible locations, inside their vehicles. Aside from the fact that these portable items are meant to be carried with you, the intense heat found inside a closed car on a hot day can destroy anything electronic. If you must leave such items in your car temporarily, at the very least make sure they are housed in a heat-resistant case and hidden in a compartment, or covered by a blanket, under the seat or on the floor. Ideally, the safest and most secure hiding place is the locked trunk of your car. Thieves usually

aren't tempted by what they can't see.

Consider purchasing some additional insurance in case you have something as pricey as a laptop stolen. Backup all of your computer files on a portable hard drive or CD. Keep a hardcopy of all your telephone contacts (personal and business) and make copies of the entire contents of your wallet, including credit card contact numbers, so you'll be able to report stolen items immediately.

Liz Deering



DO NOT...

Keep your social security card or your birth certificate in your purse or wallet. Secure these documents in a safe or fire resistant lock box.

Never disclose your social security number to anyone; unless it is necessary for transacting valid medical, employment or financial matters.

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.

NEWLY APPROVED TREE LIST

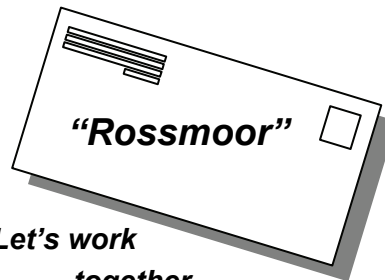


- Paperbark
- New Zealand Xmas Tree
- Chinese Pistache
- Fern Pine
- Evergreen Pear
- African Sumac
- Chinese Tallow Tree
- Firewheel Tree
- Pink Trumpet Tree
- Tipu Tree
- Sawleaf Zelkova
- She Pine, She Oak
- Tulip Tree
- Mexican Sycamore
- Peppermint Tree
- Purple Orchid
- Flame Tree
- Bottle Tree
- Cape Chestnut
- Carrotwood
- Chinese Parasol
- Australian Willow
- Maidenhair Tree
- Chinese Flame Tree
- Golden Rain
- Crape Myrtle
- Sweet Bay
- Sweetgum
- Tulip Tree
- Brisbane Box
- Southern Magnolia



Rossmoor by any other Name...

If you are a true-blue Rossmoor resident, please use the Rossmoor location in your return address and on all correspondence, rather than Los Alamitos.



Let's work together to preserve Rossmoor's unique identity.

Speaking of "identity", Identity Theft crimes are on the rise. To prevent your identity from being stolen please shred mail and all documents containing personal information before you dispose of them. Whenever possible carry your outgoing mail to a nearby mailbox or post office. Promptly report any missing or stolen mail to your local postmaster.

Quarterly Quote...

"An expert is Someone who knows more and more about less and less until he knows absolutely everything about nothing."

-Author Unknown-



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All Movies
Are Rated PG

now showing



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Movies in the Park will be
shown every **3rd Friday**,
of **June, July, and August**.

- **June 20th:** *The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep*
- **July 18th:** *Bee Movie*
- **August 15th:** *Back to the Future*

MOVIES START AT DUSK

Bring Low Folding Chairs, Insect Repellent, Flashlights, and Blankets.

The Snack Shack will be selling popcorn, candy, beverages, and more. Join us for all of these delightfully old-fashioned family outings. Flyers are available at Rush and Rossmoor Parks and on our website. We hope to see you there!

