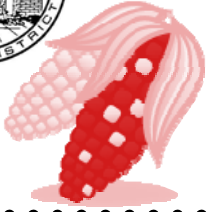




# ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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## Traffic Concerns?

Do you have questions about traffic in Rossmoor and/or traffic projects around Rossmoor?

**Get involved!** E-mail Ralph Vartebedian at [ralphv9@aol.com](mailto:ralphv9@aol.com)

**Give Rossmoor a voice!**

## GREENER, LEANER, LANDFILLS

Two and one-half years ago, the District's refuse hauler, CR&R proposed changing from the current practice to automated trash pickup. The issue was discussed at two RCSD Board Meetings in February and March of 2007, at which time the public asked questions about the need for the change, separation of trash, size and numbers of containers, etc; the proposal was tabled.

The County of Orange is now reintroducing the proposed change to automated pickup. In order to give the public an opportunity to be heard on this matter, a public hearing will be held at the October 13th Board meeting to explain the reasoning behind and necessity for the change. We are told that **Rossmoor is the only area in the County that is not using an automated pickup system.**

Primarily, counties throughout the state are required to reduce the waste stream to landfills by 50%. In order to meet this goal, separation of trash is mandatory. Currently Rossmoor trash is not separated at the residence; this process is done manually at CR&R's facility. This current procedure is an acceptable form of recycling and will not change.

Factors driving this change are many. Cost is certainly a primary consideration. Automated pickup only requires one employee per truck instead of two. Workers Compensation costs are dramatically reduced when lifting of heavy trash containers is eliminated.

With the reduction in costs to the trash hauler, it would seem appropriate that some of the savings would be returned to the resident in the form of a rate reduction. This potential alone is a good reason to attend the Public Hearing and let the County know your thoughts and concerns. Sample trash bins will be available for viewing.

-Henry Taboada



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## PUBLIC HEARING

Rush Park Auditorium  
3021 Blume Drive  
**October 13, 2009 - 7p.m.**

**COUNTY PROPOSAL:  
AUTOMATED TRASH  
PICK- UP IN ROSSMOOR**

## COMMUNITY CORNER

### TENNIS LESSONS:

Contact Fernando Molina at 562.-209-3648

**YOGA :** Tues/Thurs at Rush Park-Call the Los Altos YMCA at 562.596.3394 for info.

**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-**

Each generation  
takes the earth as  
trustees.  
We ought to  
bequeath to  
prosperity as many  
forests and orchards  
as we have  
exhausted and  
consumed.

J Sterling Morton

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# From Henry's Desk



As Summer fades into Autumn, many changes are in the air. **While many of our neighboring communities are struggling with their finances, the District maintains its financial strength, in spite of property tax takeaways by the State.** This is allowing the District to take on several capital projects; including the remodeling of the Rossmoor Park Community Center and replacing the roof on the Rush Park Auditorium.

As to changes in the community, there will be a **PUBLIC HEARING** at the **OCTOBER 13 MEETING** of the **RCSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**. The County will be discussing a proposal to automate trash pickup, a change that has been previously suggested and rejected. It now seems that it is no longer a question of if, but when. Residents who have opinions on this subject should attend the hearing or send your comments to the RCSD email address: [rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org](mailto:rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org).

Another change is in our use and conservation of water. **The community's provider of water, Golden State Water Co. is being required by the Metropolitan Water District to reduce water usage by 8%.** Failure on the part of individual residents or the District to make this reduction will likely result in ever increasing water usage rates and charges. **The District has begun its efforts by installing "smart timers" which regulate irrigation at our parks based on weather data to only water as actually needed for maintenance of the landscape.** Also an important element of the remodeling of the Community Center is the installation of waterless urinals which will save approximately 40,000 gallons of water every year. Each of us needs to do our part if we are to survive the drought. **Just turning off your sink faucet while brushing your teeth will save countless gallons of water per household.**

**REMINDER**

The Paper Drive is now located at Rush Park  
3001 Blume Drive, Rossmoor, CA



**tree talk**  
**TREE PLANTING**

With  
Randy  
Reynolds

The RCSD will continue planting a parkway trees in every vacant parkway in Rossmoor as funds become available. We now plant 24" box trees at no cost to the resident.

We have recently utilized our contractor's services to inventory the districts tree population, condition, and vacancies. We intend to utilize this information to develop a plan to maintain and revitalize your urban forest. **WE NEED YOUR HELP !**

- Parkway trees are planted by our contractor, West Coast Arborists, and are initially watered by them. But we need you, the resident, to help us keep our new young trees healthy.
- Please **DO NOT** remove the stakes supporting the tree. They will be removed when the tree is strong enough to stand on its own.
- Please **DO NOT** use a weed trimmer or allow your Gardner to use one around the base of the tree. It will damage or kill the tree. You could be held responsible for the cost of replacement.
- Please **DO** Water your new tree. Like us they can't survive without water. The more water, the better for a healthy strong fast-growing tree.

**We are currently planting trees district wide. If you wish to have a tree planted in the Spring, let us know. For information Call RCSD @ (562) 430- 3707**

# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## • Holiday Home Tour-December 6th, 11am-4pm :

*Sponsored by the Rossmoor Women's Club* Afterwards there will be a Holiday Tea & Boutique at the Ayres Hotel in Seal Beach. Tickets \$20 per person. For more information please call 562.810.7139 or visit their website [www.rossmoorwomensclub.org](http://www.rossmoorwomensclub.org)

## • December Holiday Lighting Ceremony

For more information regarding specific dates and times please contact the RHA at 562.799.1401 or visit the RHA website at [www.Rossmoor-RHA.org](http://www.Rossmoor-RHA.org)

## HOLIDAY HINTS

**TRICK-OR-TREATING.** Make sure young children have adult escorts. Use crosswalks and common sense while crossing the street. Be sure to only accept treats from neighbors you know, or take children to a professionally run Halloween event or private party where you're sure the food and environment are safe.

**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.** Designate a driver, call a cab, call a friend. There are even volunteer services that will transport those who celebrated a little more than they had planned. Try typing these words into your search engine: "free transport for drunk drivers in Orange County California" .

**SMOKE ALARMS:** Make sure all the batteries are working! Don't leave candles burning in your home, don't let Christmas trees dry out and turn off holiday lighting when you're not at home. *Have a safe and joyous holiday season.*



"You may fool  
all the people  
some of the time,  
you can even fool  
some of the people  
all of the time,  
but you cannot fool  
all of the people  
all the time."

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.

## NEURON CHALLENGE

CAN YOU NAME THIS FORMULA CORRECTLY?

$$z \rightarrow z^2 + c$$



PART 2

*What is also known as "The geometry of nature"?*

HINT: Vocabulary of irregular shapes, that can be useful for describing the pathological architecture of tumors.



The first person to e-mail us at [rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org](mailto:rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org) with the correct answers will win a FREE 30 minute Private Tennis Lesson with Rossmoor Tennis Instructor Fernando Molina.

The winner will be notified by December 1, 2009

Answers will be posted on our website after December 1, 2009.

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

## SENIOR PROGRAMS



### RUSH PARK LIFE TRAILS

The Life Trails Wellness Stations are designed for seniors, but perfect for all ages. There are nine stations to choose from. Get on the Life Trail today! Located at Rush Park in Rossmoor.

### Information & Assistance for Older Adults

The County of Orange Office on Aging offers free information on services for older adults. Call 1-800-510-2020.

**Access:** Transportation provided within O.C. for doctor visits, shopping, or whatever your needs may be. (\$1.70 each way, per zone). Call (877) 628-2232 to be certified to ride.

### Medicare Assistance Counseling HICAP

2nd Monday of each month. Program is designed to assist in filing claims, understanding and evaluating coverage. Call the Community Center for an appointment.

**Council on Aging of Orange County Programs and Services:** Call (714) 479-0107 or visit [www.coaoc.org](http://www.coaoc.org) for information on: Advocates for Nursing Home Residents, Financial Abuse Prevention, In-Home Care Management, Friendly Visitors Program

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
RCSD RECREATION 562.431.0525



## Quarterly Quote...

*"Never limit yourself  
because of others'  
limited imagination;  
never limit others  
because of your own  
limited imagination."*

-Mae Jemison,  
astronaut-



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



**Report stray shopping carts in your neighborhood to: Phone #: (800) 252-4613**  
<http://cscrc.net/customers.asp>



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## Holiday Recipe

Bon  
Appetit

### PUMPKIN MARBLE CHEESECAKE

- 1 1/2 cup Gingersnap Crumbs
- 1/2 cup Finely Chopped Pecans
- 1/3 cup Margarine, Melted
- 16 oz. Cream Cheese, Softened
- 3/4 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 3 Eggs
- 1 cup Canned Pumpkin
- 3/4 tsp. Cinnamon

Combine crumbs, pecans and margarine; press onto bottom and 1 1/2 inches up sides of 9-inch springform pan. Bake at 350F for 10 minutes. Combine cream cheese, 1/2 c sugar and vanilla, mixing at medium speed on electric mixer until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Reserve 1 c batter, chill. Add remaining sugar, pumpkin and spices to remaining batter; mix well. Alternately layer pumpkin and cream cheese batters over crust. Cut through batters with knife several times for marble effect. Bake at 350F for 55 minutes. Loosen cake from rim of pan; cool before removing rim of pan. Chill.

## "CLICK"



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#### TREE TRIMMING

Our contractor West Coast Arborists is currently trimming the trees in district 3 as part of the annual 4 year trim cycle. In addition to the annual trimming, we provide safety trims as needed. If you feel your tree needs attention call RCSD @ (562) 430-3707 and we will evaluate the tree to see if it meets the criteria for such a trim.