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THE GREEN REPORT



What is the RCSD doing to get **greener**? Well, you're looking at one solution. All residents are offered the option of receiving the RCSD News electronically and many have chosen e-mail over snail mail—a wise choice. The [e-version of our newsletter](#) is more vibrant and colorful with integrated links that easily direct you to our website and other services. We take our carbon footprint seriously. [Our web host is powered by 100%](#)

[wind energy](#). We've expanded the functionality of our website and plan even more improvements in the near future. We've enhanced the level and frequency of electronic communications to those on our [electronic mailing list](#). Here are some more steps we've taken to be greener:

- Offer our parks & facilities applications on our website.
- Have migrated to an electronic filing system with shared drives for interoffice access to unsecured materials.
- Re-use office materials whenever possible.
- Think before we print & recycle paper
- Purchase supplies locally whenever possible.
- Installed waterless urinals at Rossmoor Park.
- Installed irrigation smart timers.
- Plan to install solar panels at Rush Park.
- Design and print most of our brochures and advertising materials in-house, using an environmentally-friendly printer which utilizes solid ink technology.

Here's what you can do to help: [Replace existing light bulbs with energy efficient ones](#); Purchase indoor and outdoor solar lighting. Many attractive and inexpensive options are locally available. Solar installations can also be leased; [Purchase your food locally](#). You'll find healthier alternatives, and will be reducing the amount of delivery trucks on the road; [Conserve water](#). Set timers when you shower; [Replace old appliances](#); [Walk, carpool or drive a hybrid](#).

Share your **green** report card! [E-mail](#) us with the changes you are making. —LD

We want to hear from you!

Send us an e-mail and let us know how we're doing

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BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Rush Park Auditorium. Also aired on LATV3.





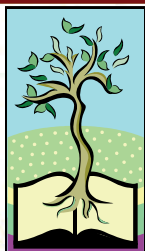
Urban Forests actually extend the life of paved surfaces. The asphalt paving on streets contains stone aggregate in an oil binder. Without tree shade, the oil heats up and volatilizes, leaving the aggregate unprotected. Vehicles loosen the aggregate; prematurely grinding down the pavement.

REPORT UNLEASHED DOGS
TO ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL
CONTROL AT:

714-935-6427



**SAVE
A TREE**
LITERALLY!



**Sign up to
receive your
newsletter
ELECTRONICALLY**

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From Henry's Desk



The thing that makes Rossmoor unique is that it is Rossmoor and not something else. Recently, however, the City of Los Alamitos approved a series of City Council and Staff Goals, many of which focused upon, or could have an effect on, Rossmoor. These included amending their General Plan which would lay out the land use elements for **1) Annexation of the southwest corner of Katella Avenue and Los Alamitos Blvd (Rossmoor Village), 2) Potential annexation of the Rossmoor area, 3) Providing municipal services to Rossmoor, reimbursed by the County, and 4) Re-establishment of the Los Alamitos Redevelopment Agency.** The first three initiatives are clearly directed at Rossmoor. The latter, is a necessary element for redeveloping the entire intersection of Katella Ave. and Los Alamitos Blvd. should Rossmoor Village be acquired.

These matters are only being brought to your attention so that you are aware of the potential for dramatic changes to the Rossmoor community. The RCSD has taken no official position on these developments, but the Board of Directors has established an Ad Committee composed of two RCSD members, two RHA members and two members of the community at large. The role of the committee is still being defined, but initially, it will monitor agendas and meetings of the Los Alamitos Planning Commission and City Council, Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO), as well as, maintain a dialogue with Orange County officials.

As more becomes known, the Rossmoor community will kept informed of developments which could affect our residents. Thus far, there has been no formal communication from Los Alamitos as to Rossmoor or its actual intentions. Until these are more fully understood, the District will reserve judgment on their merits.

—Henry Taboada



tree talk
Urban Forest Status Report

With
Randy
Reynolds

In November, a status report on Rossmoor's urban forest was presented to the **RCSD Board of Directors**. The Board then scheduled a Workshop for their February meeting. The purpose of the **Workshop** was to obtain community input on the recommendations proposed by me and by staff to update the District's policy on matters such as tree removal, tree planting specifications, approved tree species, uniformity of tree species by block, tree trimming methods and schedules, hardscape limitations on parkways, and coordination with Orange County on tree root pruning/removal for replacement of curbs, sidewalks and gutters.

Perhaps the most important information provided during both sessions was the depiction of the total inventory of trees in Rossmoor with a **chart** breaking out diseased/declining and poorly structure/declining trees which likely will need to be removed in the not too distant future. **Clearly, about 20% of the District's 5,438 trees are reaching the end of their useful life.** This presents a challenge to maintain these trees as long as possible and to plan for replacement of a larger than usual number of trees in the coming years. The Board will discuss these matters and consider policy changes at their **April 13th Board meeting**. I hope to see you there.

—Randy Reynolds

SIGNATURE WALL ADVISORY



The Signature Wall is a unique feature in Rossmoor. The wall is a source of pride for many residents. The RCSD has been experiencing a recent surge in Garage Sale signs and other homemade postings littering the wall. Signs of this nature detract from the beauty and value of the community. The RCSD maintains a strict policy regarding the types of signs that are permitted on the wall. You may view this policy on our website at www.rossmoor-csd.org. You may also access the Sign Request form, on our website in the Parks and Facilities section. If you wish to reserve wall space for your professionally made sign and its content falls within RCSD policy guidelines, simply download an application. If you choose to send the application

electronically, include a scanned picture of your sign in .pdf format. We are happy to reserve space for signs created and posted within the policy guidelines, but hurry, space fills up quickly.

DID YOU KNOW our Fee Schedule, Facility Brochure, and Facility & Field Rental Applications are all located on our website in the [Parks & Facilities Section?](#) Applications may be faxed, e-mailed or hand delivered to our office for consideration. General availability can be obtained by calling the office, however, availability is subject to change based on application approval and staffing, as well as on other applications which might be pending
—Liz Deering

RECREATION UPDATES



CONCERT IN THE PARK

This year Rossmoor will hold its first [Concert in the Park!](#) Our featured performers will be the [Surf City All-Stars](#) band.

Join us **Thursday, August 5th at 6 p.m.** for this exciting event.

Family Fun Day Festival

Join us at Rush Park on May 2nd. The RCSD will be cosponsoring this event with the [RHA](#). With an array of vendors, the classic car show and dog show, this year promises to be the best yet!



HORSESHOES ANYONE?

Horseshoes will soon be available in the Rossmoor Park Recreation Office for checkout by the public, for use in our newly restored Horseshoe Pit.



REMINDER

The RHA Paper Drive is located at Rush Park (3001 Blume Drive in Rossmoor) and is held the last Saturday of each month.

Contact the RHA at 562.799.1401 for more info.

CABIN QUIP



*"I walk slowly,
but I never
walk backward."*

ABRAHAM
-LINCOLN-

Quarterly Quote...

*"You cannot keep
determined people
from success.*

*If you place
stumbling blocks
in their way, they
will use them for
stepping-stones
and climb to new
heights."*



-Mary Kay Ash-
Entrepreneur



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1st & 3rd Mondays of each Month. No Street Parking from 8 am-4:30pm.
\$42 FINE-NO EXCEPTIONS. See our website for **Frequently asked Questions**.



**MOVIES
IN THE PARK**

2010



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.** Stay tuned for Theme Nights & Pre-Movie family activities.

**MOVIES START
AT DUSK**

**Children's Activities
Family Atmosphere
BIGGER SCREEN!
BETTER SOUND!
THEMED
REFRESHMENTS!**

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH: CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

Comedy/Animated Feature **Rated: PG 90 min.**
Voices by: James Caan, Benjamin Bratt, Mr. T

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH: KICKING & SCREAMING

Comedy/Family **Rated: PG 95 min.**
Will Ferrell, Robert Duvall, Kate Walsh

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20TH:

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Adventure/Fantasy **Rated PG 101 min.**
Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Billie Burke, Margaret Hamilton, Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley



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