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THE URBAN COYOTE—A DIFFERENT BREED

In response to a string of pet killings this past April and May, a group of Rossmoor residents have recently formed the Rossmoor Predator Management Team (RPMT). According to their mission statement, their goal is "to understand the implications of the coyote population living among us in order to protect Rossmoor's pets and residents from the dangers presented by predator animals."

The founding members are working with the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), which is beginning to recognize the extent of the urban coyote problem not only in Rossmoor, but throughout the state. Last year, DFG developed a coyote management program in Huntington Beach, which greatly reduced the coyote activity there. Rossmoor may become the second community in the O.C. to develop such a program with the agency.

DFG Lt. Kent Smirl is working closely with the Team to develop an intensive education and reporting program which will require consistent resident cooperation in order to contain the coyote problem. Smirl said that the coyote problem has intensified in recent years. His department is responding by hiring new personnel, updating their website, and building a coyote management infrastructure within the communities that need it.

The RPMT also notified Orange County Public Works about the poor condition of the fencing and gates around the flood control channels, frequented by coyotes. As a result, the agency has recently promised a complete inspection of the drain system. They will repair holes, openings, and other damage that could allow coyotes easy access to Rossmoor.

The Predator Management Team strongly advises the following safety precautions:

1. Never leave your pet alone outdoors, day or night.
2. Coyotes have been known to attack children. *Always* supervise them outdoors
3. Remove all outdoor pet food and by cover your trash. Pick up fruit that has fallen from trees.
4. Install outside motion lights on your property.
5. Be aware that the local coyotes are becoming more brazen. If you see one, distance yourself immediately.

**REPORT UNLEASHED DOGS
TO ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL
CONTROL AT:**

714-935-6427



6. Keep some sort of defensive item outside in the event a coyote enters your yard.

7. Warn your neighbors, especially those with pets and/or small children. We do not want to panic people, but we do want them to be well-informed and prepared.

8. Report all sightings, injuries and killings by coyotes to: rha@rossmoor-rha.org.

Information in this article was submitted by the Rossmoor Predator Management Team

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From Henry's Desk

The Board of Directors of the RCSD will be conducting a Workshop on Public Safety prior to the July 13th meeting of the Board. The Workshop will be held in the Rush Park Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Workshop is to obtain feedback from the community on this important aspect of life in the Rossmoor community. The Board originally requested a report on public safety from its General Manager and that report was presented to the Board at their May meeting.

The report covered most aspects of the community's public safety umbrella which consists mainly of the OC Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol and the OC Public Works Department. Each of these agencies plays a role in keeping Rossmoor safe in the areas of:

Community Policing

Traffic Enforcement

Street Sweeping Parking Enforcement

Emergency Preparedness

Neighborhood Watch



Due the nature of an unincorporated community, the RCSD and the RHA both participate with those agencies dealing with public safety. The Report focuses on various facets of public safety, not as a critical review, but rather to point out that there are gaps and sometimes overlaps in that public safety umbrella. Recent newspaper letters have focused on what has been reported, not necessarily to what is contained in the Report, itself. A copy of the document is available on the RCSD website or can be obtained by calling the RCSD office at 562-430-3707. Your attendance at the Workshop is an opportunity for the public to express its views on any matter affecting public safety. That input will assist the RCSD Board in its advocacy on behalf of the public. Budget shortfall at the State and County level could have a profound affect on staffing and service levels in the year(s) ahead.

—Henry Taboada

BOARD MEETINGS

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



tree talk

Sapling Care

With
Randy
Reynolds

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A TREE**
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The RCSD has just completed another round of tree planting. The following are a few guidelines to follow for proper care and maintenance of your parkway tree:

1. Keep the tree well free of weeds and other plants; they will take nutrients away from the tree.
2. Fill the tree well with water once a week, and twice a week during hot weather; deep watering encourages downward growth of roots and helps to prevent broken curbs and sidewalk damage.
3. Keep fertilizer with weed killer at least five feet away from the tree.
4. If a tree needs attention, please contact the District at (562) 430.3707 & ask for our Tree Consultant, Randy Reynolds.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this effort to keep Rossmoor a wonderful community and a beautiful place to live.

—Randy Reynolds



RECREATION HEATS UP!

Rossmoor Community Services District &

The Youth Center

**ROSSMOOR PARK
DAY CAMP**

For Kids Ages 5 to 12

Choose daily or weekly camp dates from

June 21-August 27, 2010

Basic Program Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Extended Hours:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

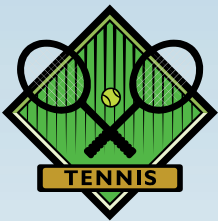
CABIN QUIP



"Character is like a tree & reputation like a shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."

**ABRAHAM
-LINCOLN-**

This Summer Be Active-Play Tennis!



Sign-up for a tennis class just around the corner. Classes for all ages are offered at Rossmoor Park throughout the summer. Private and group lessons are available. Call our Tennis Pro, Fernando Molina for more information, 562.209.3648.



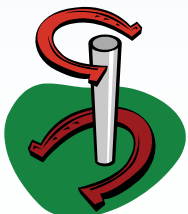
SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Come join the fun as Shakespeare By The Sea returns to Rossmoor with two nights of FREE theater in Rush Park. Ambition and patriotism go head to head on Saturday, July 31st at 8pm in *Julius Caesar*, while madcap comedy runs amok in *Twelfth Night* on Sunday, August 1st at 7pm. Bring a blanket, a picnic, and share the joy of live Shakespeare that's FREE to all. For more info see www.shakespearebythesea.org or call 310.217.7596.



Tetherball

Looking for some quick summer fun? Check out our new tetherball courts now located at Rush Park, Rossmoor Park and Kempton and Foster Mini-Parks.



HORSESHOES ANYONE?

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

Quarterly Quote...

"Malvolio:

*"Be not afraid of
greatness: some
are born great,
some achieve
greatness, and
some have
greatness thrust
upon 'em."*



William Shakespeare

[Twelfth Night \(II, v, 156-159\)](#)

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90720**"CLICK"**www.rossmoor-csd.org**FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK & CONCERT IN THE PARK**Join us Friday, July 16th & Friday, August 20th for our [Movies in the Park](#)Join us Thursday, August 5th at 6 p.m. for our [Concert in the Park](#)**OCTA WEST COUNTY CONNECTORS PROJECT**

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), started final design on the West County Connectors project. The project traverses the cities of Garden Grove, Westminster, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos and the community of Rossmoor. It was initiated to link high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes/carpool lanes on the San

Diego Freeway (I-405) with those on the Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22) and San Gabriel Freeway (I-605) to create a seamless HOV connection amongst the three freeways.

The project will:

- Construct two direct HOV connectors
- Add a second HOV lane in each direction on I-405 between the SR-22 and the I-605
- Eliminate HOV users weaving across general purpose lanes to switch to and from HOV lanes
- Reconstruct on- and off-ramps
- Construct soundwalls and retaining walls at various locations
- Add landscaping and enhance aesthetic elements

How will traffic on Seal Beach Boulevard be handled during construction?

In coordination with the WCC project corridor cities, OCTA and Caltrans developed a traffic management plan to address all construction staging. The Seal Beach Boulevard Bridge will be reconstructed one half at a time and reconstruction of both the Valley View Street Bridge and the northbound I-405 to westbound SR-22/7th Street bridge is scheduled to be complete before work will begin on the Seal Beach Boulevard Bridge.

During the first phase of construction of the Seal Beach Boulevard Bridge, one lane will be open in each direction and a center median will be dedicated to emergency vehicle use only. During the second phase of construction, two lanes will be available in each direction. Once construction on the bridge is complete, there will be four lanes on the northbound side and three lanes on the southbound side of the bridge.

Construction Start Dates:
[SR-22/I-405 Segment – Summer 2010](#) and [I-405/I-605 Segment – Fall 2010](#)

For more information regarding this project or any other Orange County freeway improvement project, call the toll free [Transportation Helpline at \(800\) 724-0353](tel:8007240353) or log on to www.octa.net/westcounty.

