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URBAN RUNOFF



What is Urban Runoff? It's a term describing many ways in which the habits of Urbanites pollute the drinking, bathing and fishing water we depend on to sustain life. Pollutants in the aquatic environment disrupt the food chain. Some of these toxins have subtle but devastating effects on the life cycles of certain organisms which are part of the food supply for fish and birds. Without realizing it, you may even be contributing to this pollution. Most of us *drive automobiles*, which distribute toxic organic and heavy metal exhaust particles onto the streets and highways. Some other examples include: *Vehicle maintenance*, which can result in the spillage of oil, coolant and other fluids; *Cleaning tools or equipment outdoors* with chemicals cleaners and detergents; Indiscriminate use of pesticides and fertilizers during *landscaping and grounds maintenance*; *Untidy and leaking dumpster areas*; Disturbing soil and vegetation during construction, which creates erosion and produces *sediment*,—a pollutant. All of this harmful matter gets soaked into asphalt and/or washed away and transported into the nearest storm drain by rainwater and water used to wash vehicles outdoors. Some careless people looking for a shortcut, actually dump paint and other chemicals *directly* into storm drains.

In Orange County, with very few exceptions, it is prohibited by Federal, State, and local laws to discharge anything other than clean stormwater runoff to the storm drain system. Please visit www.ocwatershed.com for a list of discharges that are not prohibited under certain circumstances. Regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board as part of the County's new [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) permit](#), call for maximizing unpaved areas that can absorb rainfall and pollutants to improve water quality, and enhance the health of creeks and other water bodies downstream of developed areas. Rossmoor is indeed fortunate to have so many trees and predominately unpaved parkways. Now that you're a little more educated on the effects of urban runoff, we hope you'll do your part to prevent it.

—Liz Deering

ELECTION OF DISTRICT BOARD DIRECTORS



This year, two seats were up for election to the RCSD Board of Directors. Two individuals qualified for the two open seats and as a result, there will be no need for an election.

Upon the expiration of the terms of the two current directors and the seating of the two individuals who qualified for the open seats, the Board of Directors will be comprised of the following: Ronald Casey, Alfred Coletta, Shannon Hough, Bill Kahlert, Jeffrey T. Rips. The new Board term will begin at the December 14, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors. Board election of District Officers will take place at the January 11, 2011 Board meeting.

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RCSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Shannon Hough

1st Vice President

Jeffrey Rips

2nd Vice President

Ron Casey

Director

Alfred Coletta

Director

Joel Rattner



REPORT UNLEASHED DOGS
TO O. C. ANIMAL CONTROL:

714-935-6427





From Henry's Desk



While Rossmoor remains a tranquil community, there are many issues that have and will be confronting us. The transition to automated refuse collection is over, but many issues remain, particularly the scheduling conflict between **Monday street sweeping** and **refuse collection**. The District is working with CR&R and the County to help resolve these matters as they relate to the District's limited involvement in street sweeping, since **the District doesn't have authority over refuse collection**—**Coyotes** continue to be a major issue for the community. Members of the public have raised this issue during public meetings of the District and **in that limited role as a public forum, the District has been involved in the discussion of this problem with the County, adjoining communities and our two military installations, as those groups and entities work to find solutions.**—**Public Safety** has also risen to the top of the discussion agenda for Rossmoor. While major crime hasn't been an issue, the **recent decision to annex Sunset Beach into Huntington Beach** presents a question of backup when the Rossmoor patrol vehicle is out of the area or engaged with another call. When Sunset Beach is no longer patrolled by the County Sheriff, the closest backup car will be in Midway City or West Anaheim, (a much further distance). **The District is exploring this matter with the Sheriffs Department in the District's limited role, since once again, the District does not have authority over public safety.**—Last, but certainly not least, there could be **boundary and service issues in the future in relation to the City of Los Alamitos**. That City is in the process of amending their General Plan which may include zoning and other land use criteria for Rossmoor. This is because Rossmoor is in the Sphere of Influence of Los Alamitos. **The District will be closely monitoring the process due to the potential for annexation and related boundary and service issues.** Stay tuned...

—Henry Taboada



PUBLIC SAFETY

Winter Travel Tips

__Keep skin hydrated with a quality moisturizer and protected from hidden UV rays with an SPF 45 sunscreen.

—Keep water, non-perishables, an LCD flashlight & emergency repair kit in your car.

__Pack multi-purpose clothing & dress in layers for cool climate destinations.

__Subscribe to a Roadside Assistance Service like AAA.

__Avoid unpleasant surprises. Call the airline in advance for size restrictions on toiletries and carry-on luggage.

Rossmoor residents piled into the Rush Park Auditorium on July 13th to voice their concerns and brainstorm possible solutions at the Public Safety Workshop. The community spoke out on a range of matters. Residential burglaries and vehicle thefts seemed to be of particular importance to them. The Board suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed with the Orange County Sheriff's Department in order to improve communication and awareness between law enforcement and the District.

Beverly Houghton announced that the RHA Emergency Preparedness Meetings were held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the East Room at Rush Park. She stated that currently her attendance is low and she'd really like to see more residents get involved. Beverly volunteers her time to organize this extremely important effort. Your participation would be greatly appreciated!

Traffic safety was also high on the list of resident woes. Typically the California Highway Patrol is the primary contact for traffic related matters such as speeding, however, the O.C. Sheriff's Department can also respond when available.

For those who were unable to attend the meeting, we want to hear your thoughts and opinions on public safety in Rossmoor. Please send us an e-mail or a tweet.—LD



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

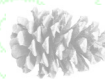
EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY: Order some comfort food-to-go and reserve a picnic area in one of our parks or Mini-Parks on Foster or Kempton; you'll have the best view in town. Some warm clam chowder from one of Rossmoor's local restaurants, tastes especially great outdoors on a crisp autumn day.



Rossmoor Women's Club Holiday Home Tour:

Sunday, December 5th from 11am to 4 pm. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds benefit many local charities: Local High School Scholarship Funds, We Care Food Bank and Adopt-a-Family (benefits local military families). Contact Pat Aldridge at 562.810.7139 or at: www.rossmoorwomensclub.org

We're Crafty!



Gather some pine cones, spray paint them in your favorite metallic holiday hues like silver, gold, copper, red and green (or artificial snow if you prefer a more woodsy theme). Arrange them in a glass bowl. Then add a flameless LCD candle for an instantly elegant centerpiece.

NOT SUCH A BRIGHT IDEA

Did you know that it's NOT O.K. to dispose of [light bulbs](#) in the trash?

- Fluorescent light bulbs contain small amounts of mercury sealed within the glass tubing and include linear, U-tube and circline fluorescent tubes, bug zappers, tanning bulbs, black lights, germicidal bulbs, high output bulbs, and cold-cathode fluorescent bulbs;
- High intensity discharge bulbs, which include metal halide, ceramic metal halide, high pressure sodium, and mercury vapor;
- Mercury short-arc bulbs; and Neon bulbs.

For more information please log onto the EPA website at www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/



The Few, The Proud...

Sunday, August 22, 2010, the [U.S. Marine 5th Battalion](#) hosted a family day at Rossmoor Park for the families of the men and women serving our country. The event was an all day family picnic, with bounce houses, a live band and plenty of family activities. Due to the limited parking availability at Rossmoor Park, the USMC offered shuttle service for military personnel. The event was a huge success with over 900 people in attendance. The Rossmoor Community Services District would like to extend its appreciation to all the men and women serving our nation in our armed forces.

CABIN QUIP



"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

ABRAHAM
-LINCOLN-

"CLICK"



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Quarterly Quote...

"Many women have made the mistake of changing their beliefs to accommodate their work. It must be the other way around."

Mary Kay Ash
Entrepreneur

**RECREATION REPORT**

Rush Park was full of activities this past summer: **Three Movies in the Park**, two performances of **Shakespeare by the Sea** and our first ever **Concert in the Park**. We received such a positive response, that it's likely we'll be expanding the concert program to include even more bands next summer.

Rossmoor Park was also busy this summer. The RCSD's sponsorship of the Youth Center's Day Camp provided activities for 100 campers and over 15 teen volunteers. The Los Alamitos Girls Softball program ended successfully this past August with the 12U All Star Team placing first in the Western Area Nationals in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Rossmoor Park serves as the girls' home field and several of the young ladies reside in Rossmoor. [The team](#) was honored at the September 14th RCSD Board Meeting.

Resident Eagle Scout, Forest Benedict recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at Rossmoor Park. His creative landscaping project beautified the park's outdoor restroom area by adding fencing along with plants and flowers. Stop by to check out its new aesthetic appeal.

Next summer will also be Rossmoor's 10th Anniversary of our Movies in the Park event! Thanks to the community for making it such a success.

EXCLUSIVE E-CONTENT! THANK YOU FOR BEING GREEN!

—Emily Gingras



Report All Coyote Sightings, Injuries & Killings to: rha@rossmoor-rha.org

BOARD MEETINGS

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

**tree talk**

With
Randy
Reynolds

Street trees and parkways have become a hot topic at the District. Recent changes and discussions with the County have resulted in a new or revised understanding between the County and the District as to the division of responsibilities.

For example, the County has affirmed that it will be responsible for safety trimming. Second, the County has informed the District that it will exercise its authority to enforce violations of illegal tree removal or damage to street trees and will exercise its authority to assist the District in enforcing the District's policy against paving/covering of parkways. All of these changes leave open some issues as to where the District's authority to enforce tree policies ends and the County's authority begins.—As a result, the District created an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to address these matters. Meetings are underway with O. C. Public Works and our County Supervisor's office to discuss issues and hopefully develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which describes our respective authorities and responsibilities. Without such an agreement, there will continue to be questions regarding the relationship between the County and the District and how such authorities should be interpreted in the future. Meanwhile, grid trimming and tree planting work continues. We are optimistic that our community will soon be displaying signs designating Rossmoor as a Tree City USA. Trees matter and will continue to be a high priority for the District.

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