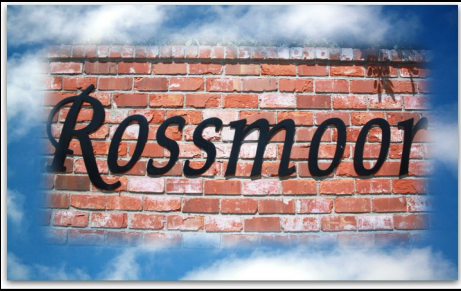




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Rossmoor Tops Suburban Charts



Congratulations are in order. A recent independent nationwide study, conducted by real estate giant Coldwell Banker, ranks Rossmoor as the number one suburb in California and number nine in the nation! The study factored in such things as high percentage of home ownership, suburban amenities, many car commuters, gas affordability,

safety, access to good schools, leisure activities and resources, and entertainment events. It doesn't get any better than number one! The complete article and study can be found [here](#).

You know what they say... Location! Location! Location! Not only is Rossmoor a heartbeat away from the Pacific Ocean, it also has the unique advantage of being nestled in between two bustling, high profile, metropolises—L.A. and the O.C.; yet Rossmoor still manages to retain its unique identity and old world neighborhood charm. With its signature wall and majestic trees, the area is surprisingly quiet and peaceful too. The Rossmoor Village Square boasts great local retail shopping establishments, Family Medicine and restaurants like [The Original Fish Company](#), [Blake's Place Barbeque](#) and [Fortune Cookies](#).

Finally, despite being surrounded by a desperate economy, a struggling real estate market, high unemployment and municipal bankruptcies, this piece of the American Dream has somehow survived. That speaks volumes about the wonderful group of caring and involved residents, the active homeowner's association and the visionary Board of Directors, who work hard each and every day, to ensure that Rossmoor is both preserved and progressive. Being number one is an accomplishment we should all be proud of. Rossmoor has been duly recognized and you can be sure the District will continue to strive to maintain this distinctive honor and model community.



See the press release and RCSD Board President's comments [here](#). Like our Facebook page and share your thoughts. We want to hear from you! —LD

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BOARD MEETINGS



2nd Tuesday of each month @7 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium. Also

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-Mark Twain-
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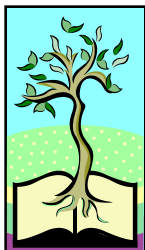
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A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP



In our last issue, General Manager Henry Taboada bid the community farewell. While the Board is going through the selection process for a new General Manager, it has not concluded its work. Therefore Henry is still serving as a consulting General Manager and looks forward to welcoming his replacement in the near future.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE PARTNERSHIP

The holiday season can be a tough time for those who are already struggling. In Mid-November of this year the District will partner with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for their annual Holiday Toy Drive. Details regarding the drive, including where to pick up donation cards and donation drop-off locations, will be made available soon. Please check our [website](#) periodically for related announcements or contact Emily Gingras at 562-431-0525 between the hours of 9am-5pm or email recreation@rossmoor-csd.org.



AVOID A TICKET

[Street Sweeping](#) takes place on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, from the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Parking citations may be issued at *any time* on street sweeping days as per County code:

You can avoid a ticket by parking in your driveway during these hours. See our website for [FAQs](#) about street sweeping.

The District has no jurisdiction over parking citations. If you are cited, please do not contact the RCSD. For parking enforcement and citation related issues you must contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department non emergency number at 714-527-9100.

DISTRICT WEBSITE UPDATE



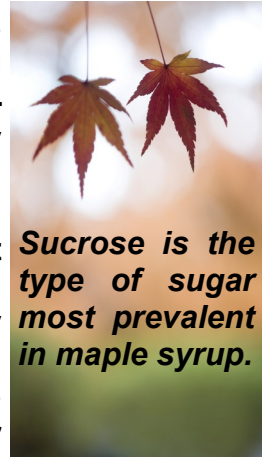
The District will be redesigning its website's homepage to include a transparency module. This area will consolidate popular documents and streamline access to agendas, minutes, budgets, and public records. It has come to our attention that many people mistakenly believe that Rossmoor Community Services District employees receive pensions. RCSD employees do not receive pensions or retirement benefits of any kind. Salaries fall within the low median range. Please be on the lookout for the upcoming changes to our website, which should be fully implemented by late November 2012.

TREE-LICIOUS



Nothing beats the taste and smell of real maple syrup poured over pancakes, waffles or warm cereal. Maple syrup is made by tapping the trunks of certain types of maple trees and collecting the xylem sap. The sap is then boiled down to obtain pure syrup without chemical agents or preservatives. The sugar maple tree is the most commonly used source, however other species of maple trees, such as the red or black maple, are also used because of their high sugar content. Maple trees are usually tapped beginning at

30 to 40 years of age and sap can continue being harvested until the trees are over 100 years old. Most tapping is done in the spring, and occasionally in the fall; if conditions are right. Contrary to popular belief, the tapping process does not harm the tree. Vermont is the largest producer of maple syrup in the United States. The syrup is graded according to its density or translucency. Maple syrup is used in baking, as a sweetening or flavoring agent and can be made into a wide variety of confections. It takes many gallons of sap to produce just one gallon of real maple syrup. All sugars are not created equal; maple syrup is considered a healthy alternative. Beware of imitations that are basically flavored corn syrup, many of which contain harmful chemicals and preservatives. There is no substitute for pure maple syrup which can be found at most supermarkets, and local farmers markets.



Sucrose is the type of sugar most prevalent in maple syrup.



TOT LOT TILES



If you have ever visited Rush Park, you have surely noticed the beautiful and colorful hand painted tiles surrounding its Tot Lot. Some of these miniature works of art are beginning to show their age and are in need of a makeover. Lee Lindquist and Beverly Houghton of the Rossmoor Homeowners Association have graciously volunteered their time to save the Tot Lot tiles at Rush Park. They have organized a new project that will fix the broken tiles, add new tiles and donate any additional funds raised to the District for the purpose of making Rush Park's existing Tot Lot ADA compliant. If you would like more information on this project and to find out how you can help, please visit the RHA website at www.rossmoor-rha.org or call 562-799-1401 and leave a message. Checks must be mailed to the RHA P.O. Box 5058, Rossmoor, CA 90721.

—LD



Quarterly Quote...


"Don't you worry your pretty, little mind. People throw rocks at things that shine."

*-Taylor Swift-
Modern Day Singer
Songwriter*

BONUS E-CONTENT

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The image shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, the YouTube logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the text 'rossmoor community services district board meetings'. Below the search bar, the video title is 'Rossmoor Community Services District Meeting - Sept 11, 2012'. Underneath the title, there are buttons for 'csmpTV', '+ Subscribe', and '162 videos'. The main video area displays a circular logo for the 'COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT' with 'ROSSMOOR' in the center and '1987' at the bottom. A purple banner at the bottom of the video frame reads 'RCSD Sept 11, 2012'. The video player controls at the bottom show a play button, a progress bar at 00:02 / 32:54, and icons for closed captions, settings, and full screen. Below the video player, there are buttons for 'Like', 'Add to', 'Share', and a '40 views' indicator.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVAnTSnZ0Zg>



Branch Banter

With Mary Kingman

Life and Limb



TREE CITY USA

The District is still in mourning as the result of the sudden passing of our beloved Tree Consultant, Randy Reynolds. We are working hard to respond to all tree related citizen service requests in a timely manner.

We would like to introduce [Mary Kingman](#). Mary will be taking over many of Randy's former duties. She will also be a contributor to our new column, "Branch Banter". We hope the community will welcome Mary as their interim Tree Consultant and give her time to settle into her new role.

Annual grid trimming is in progress. The District is divided into four sections or "grids". Grid 2 is the location scheduled for trimming this year. Grid Trimming information can be found in the [Urban Forest section](#) of our website. Mary will also be collaborating with us to enhance the Urban Forest section of the District website so it may serve as an even greater resource for our residents.

