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ON A MISSION!



It is officially 2015. A new year. A new beginning, and the perfect time for a dynamic organization like the Rossmoor Community Services District to review its mission statement, and goals and objectives. The board and district staff have reviewed the document and have provided their input. Our Board has also revisited the

district's mission statement, goals and objectives to make sure our priorities are in sync with the community's needs and interests. A preliminary draft of the plan was presented to the Board of Directors at our December 9, 2014 board meeting for discussion and the board directed staff to seek community input before finalizing our plan.

Now it's your turn! We want to know what the community thinks about what the mission, goals and objectives should be for your local government. What do we do well? How can we improve? What areas would you like to see expanded or reduced? Please click on the [link](#) or visit our website and review the [proposed mission statement, goals and objectives document](#). Give us your feedback by sending us an email with the words "**On a Mission**" in the subject line at rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

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BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of each month
@7 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium. Aired on LATV3.



RCSD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Michael Maynard
1st VP Bill Kahlert
2nd VP Ron Casey
Director Tony DeMarco
Director Dave Burgess

DISTRICT AND ELECTION UPDATES

At its December 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board, the Rossmoor Community Services District held its swearing in ceremony for reelected incumbent Director Bill Kahlert and newly elected Director Dave Burgess. President Maynard will present the [2014 State of the District Address](#) at the Tuesday, January 13, 2015 Board Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Election of Officers. The board will elect members to the office of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. We hope to see you there. The entire State of the District Address will be included in the January agenda packet and can be viewed prior to the board meeting. Watch Board meetings anytime on our website.



Staff: General Manager J.D. Ruth—Admin Assistant E. Deering—Accountant K. Bell—General Clerk J. Verduzco—Park Superintendent O. Perez—Maintenance/Rec. C. Argueta—Tree Consultant M. Kingman—Rec. Superintendent E. Gingras—Rec. Assistant C. Deaton



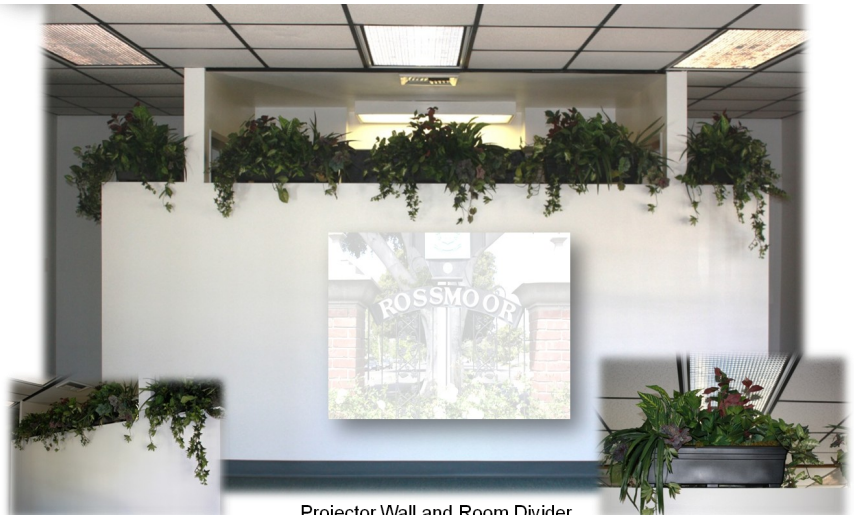
EXECUTIVE MATTERS



Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a terrific holiday season filled with laughter and the voices of those close to you. The weather may be chilly but the people of Rossmoor are as warm and friendly as ever. The District has accomplished a great deal over the past year. You can read more about these accomplishments in the [2014 State of the District Address](#) which can be found on our website. Be sure you take the opportunity to [give your feedback on our mission, goals and objectives](#). We look forward to hearing how we can better serve the community and we encourage all of you to attend our regular board meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium. We are accountable to you, we serve you and we want to hear from you. If you are unable to attend our board meetings watch them online. Contact us via email or the contact form on our website. I can't wait to embark on all of the exciting new adventures ahead. —*JDR*

MONTECITO CENTER MAKEOVER

Many renters may have noticed that Rossmoor's [Montecito Center facility](#) has been recently refurbished with a much-needed facility makeover. The redesign, completed by architect Cheryl Williamsen of Paradigm Design provides renters with an innovative and multi-functional room divider/projector wall which is the perfect backdrop for video projections and educational and multimedia presentations. The wall is now being utilized for this purpose by Li'l Cottonwood Preschool teachers and is a great benefit for the students.



Projector Wall and Room Divider
Redesign provides projector wall for multimedia presentations; currently being utilized by Preschool Teachers



All new appliances include a stove, refrigerator and stainless steel sink.

The Montecito Center kitchen has been completely renovated with new ADA compatible, attractive and functional appliances, including a stove, refrigerator and a stainless steel sink, new cabinetry and all new durable flooring. The clean, compact space is just right for your entertainment needs. If you are interested in renting the Montecito Center, located at 12341 Montecito Rd., please visit our [website](#) or contact our General Clerk for an [application](#).



Branch Banter

With Mary Kingman



URBAN FOREST PRUNING STANDARDS

Rossmoor’s splendid urban forest of over 5,500 trees is managed by RCSD in conjunction with the [County of Orange](#). Both agencies utilize the services of [West Coast Arborists, Inc.](#) The community is divided into a grid of four areas, with one grid area trimmed every year, in early autumn. Besides the four-year trim cycle, the trees are continuously monitored and supplemental safety and maintenance trims are ordered throughout the year.

RCSD receives many calls and emails from residents expressing their opinions regarding the frequency, amount and aesthetics of our tree trimming practices. Our goal with the street trees is to maintain a tree form that is as natural looking as possible, without compromising safety.

West Coast Arborists prune all trees in Rossmoor in accordance with the standards adopted by ‘American National Standard for Tree Care Operations (ANSI A300)’ and ‘Best Management Practices’ from the International Society of Arboriculture. Regular tree pruning that is properly done keeps trees healthy and aesthetically pleasing and reduces the risk of hazard to people and property.

Excessive pruning can be very harmful to a tree. Through photosynthesis, a tree receives its food and energy through its leaves before it is transported and stored in its branches trunk and roots. Removing too much foliage or too many branches and stems from a tree can deplete its ability to make and store energy. It can also cause a response of rapid growth in an attempt to replace the energy that was lost. According to ANSI A300, ‘not more than one-fourth of the foliage on a mature tree should be removed within one growing season. In addition, upon completion of pruning a mature tree, one-half of the foliage should remain evenly distributed in the lower two-thirds of the crown and individual limbs.’

RCSD would like to remind our residents that under RCSD policy 3080.11: *Homeowners, residents or their agents shall not plant, trim or remove parkway and median trees.* If a resident feels that a supplemental trim is needed on a tree, they should call [RCSD Tree Consultant Mary Kingman](#) at (562) 430-3707. —MK

ROSSMOOR NIGHT—CSULB MEN’S BASKETBALL



Long Beach State vs. Hawaii—Saturday, January 31, 2015 (TBA)
Walter Pyramid: 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA


CSULB and the RCSD are offering special priced tickets to Rossmoor residents. Tickets are \$20 per person & include a private pre-game reception & appetizers. Game Time TBA by January 10th (*sometime between 4:30 pm & 8:30 pm*); Stay tuned for future announcements. Tickets can be purchased in the RCSD Main Office. Daily parking passes are available for \$5 at the pay stations or you can pay metered parking directly outside the Pyramid on Bellflower Blvd. For more information please email Emily Gingras at egingras@rossmoor-csd.org or call 562-430-3707.

Quarterly Quote: “There came a time when the risk to remain tight in the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.”—Anais Nin



BONUS E-CONTENT

E-mail us at rcsd@rossmoor-csd.org and include the words SUBSCRIBE RCSD E-NEWS! in the subject line. Include your full name and street address.

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GIVE US A HOWLER



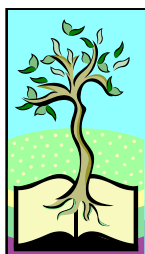
[If you see a coyote, give us a howler!](#) Please report all Rossmoor coyote sightings and encounters promptly to the RCSD. Only first hand reports will be recorded.

**BE INFORMED ABOUT CRIME, COYOTES, AND YOUR COMMUNITY!
VIEW BOARD MEETINGS, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND SHARE VIEWS!
JOIN ROSSMOOR CSD, OC SHERIFF AND OC CRIMESTOPPERS
ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!**



SAVE A TREE

LITERALLY!
Sign up to receive your newsletter



ELECTRONICALLY

THE GIFT DRIVE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

The 3rd Annual Holiday Toy Gift Drive yielded another great response this year, thanks to all of the generous givers who made the holidays a little brighter for children and seniors in need. Donations were given to the OC Sheriff's Department which distributes over 42,000 toys to children and provides over 2,100 gifts to seniors during the holidays. A special thanks to RCSD staff, and our partners, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Rossmoor Homeowners Association for all of the great work they do all year round.



RCSD General Clerk Jessica Verduzco, OC Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Specialist Anitu Pattanaik and RCSD Park Superintendent Omero Perez pose for a quick pic before loading the toy and gift donations for transport. Toys for Tots & Spark of Love support and contribute to the efforts of Operation Santa Claus & Senior Santa.