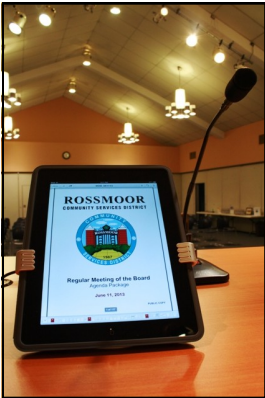




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## Arrivals and Departures



Many families are already fully immersed in the new school year along with the considerable changes and challenges it brings. We've seen the bittersweet departure of long sunny days filled with summer fun and the arrival of shorter days filled with more traffic, new teachers, nightly homework and school functions. The District has experienced its own departures with the resignation of Director Jeffrey Rips this past summer and the subsequent appointment of Director Tony DeMarco. A more recent change in leadership was brought about by the resignation of General Manager

Chris Montana. Change can be desirable, or undesirable, but it is always an opportunity to learn valuable lessons from the past as we embark on our present journey. The District looks forward to working with our new leadership as we strive towards our most important goal, which is to serve the community. We invite you to attend the monthly board meetings held in the Rush Park Auditorium every second Tuesday of the month and let us know your thoughts. You are welcome to go paperless with us. Bring your tablet or mobile device and view the agenda online. [Meeting replays](#) are available anytime on our website. —LD

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### BOARD MEETINGS

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



## Toll Lane Turmoil

In response to the recently released Draft Supplemental EIR/EIS and a corresponding action by the OCTA Board to reintroduce the potential for HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes, this past summer the RCSD Board submitted a resolution opposing HOT lanes on the I-405 Improvement Project. Since the District's request to extend the public comment period was denied by OCTA, the Board held a subsequent community-wide rally in order to give Rossmoor residents the opportunity to submit their comments on record prior to the OCTA public comment submission deadline. For the latest developments on this issue and to find out how you can [voice your opinion](#) on the [I-405 Improvement Project](#), [click here](#) or visit [octa.net](#).



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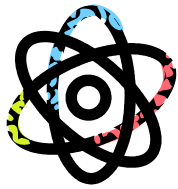
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“As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.”

-Albert Einstein-

# RECRUITMENT OF NEW GM

The Rossmoor Community Services District is now in the process of recruiting for a new General Manager. The most qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Board and a selection will be announced at a future Board meeting.

[RCSD Board Meetings](#) can be viewed on channel LATV-3 or 24-7 on YouTube Channel CSMP-TV or on the District website at [www.rossmoor-csd.org](http://www.rossmoor-csd.org).

# BOOST WINTER METABOLISM WITH TENNIS!

A colder body temperature stimulates the appetite, causing many of us to over eat during winter months. Although we try not to heap on those holiday calories, sometimes the temptation is just too great. Don't despair, USPTA certified professional tennis instructor Fernando Molina will help you burn them off with a generous helping of [tennis](#) instruction. In just one hour, you can decimate that slice of pumpkin pie. Make a commitment to fill your lungs with fresh air and your winter months with activity. Before long those winter pounds will melt away and you will be fit year round. Please contact Fernando at 562-209-3648 and get started!



# Branch Banter

*With Mary Kingman*

## ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF PARKWAY TREES

**Parkway and median trees are valuable community assets. Parkway and median trees are public, not private property.** A parkway, as described in District Policy No. 3080, is the County of Orange (County) owned area between the sidewalk and curb. The median is the County owned area dividing Rossmoor Way. Every reasonable effort will be made to preserve this natural resource in order to retain and improve this local scenic and environmental asset. Homeowners, residents or their agents shall not plant, trim or remove parkway and median trees.

The Rossmoor Community Services District (District) has the authority and responsibility to plant and trim trees either directly or through the County or other third parties. The District recommends removals to the County and the County has the authority to remove trees. The County of Orange is responsible for the preventative or remedial tree root pruning to aid in the control of sidewalk, curb and gutter damage. The District will coordinate with the County to perform this work and any other alternatives to tree removal. Request for inspections, planting, trimming or removal shall be made with the District office. **It is also important to know that it is illegal for residents to prune or remove the parkways trees in Rossmoor.** Please help the District to maintain this policy by informing new neighbors of it and reporting any violations to RSCD. Residents that feel their tree needs pruning or care can contact the [Tree Program Assistant, Mary Kingman](#), for an evaluation.—MK

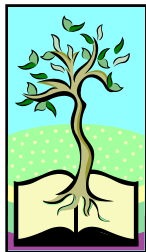
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# SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Rush Park Auditorium. Thurs-Oct. 10th. 6:30 pm:** Are you ready? The Rossmoor Homeowners Association will host "[The Great Shake Out & Our Local Threats and Hazards](#)" a special emergency preparedness event and Town Hall Meeting. Come hear the pros share their expertise on our unique threats & hazards. Meet your first responders and learn how to make a simple & non-overwhelming Emergency Preparedness Plan. Fantastic guest speakers. **Lobby opens at 6 pm for brochures, supplies and giveaways.** For more info. you may visit the either the RHA or RCSD websites.



**Rush Park Auditorium. Thurs-Oct. 17th. 8am to 12pm:** OCTA Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting. Give a hoot about your commute. Get the latest information on the [West County Connectors](#) and [I-405 Improvement Projects](#).

**October is ADHD Awareness Month:** How much do you know about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder? Are you up to date on what kind of help is available? Get the facts. Find out what you can do to [combat negative perceptions and help others with ADHD](#). Download these useful resources and share them in your place of work, community and schools. [Visit ADHDAwarenessMonth.org](#).

See the RCSD website [event calendar](#) for more community event listings.



## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**Sun-Oct. 20th. 3-6pm: School GhouL Los Al 10k, 5k, & 1k Fun Run at Rush Park.**

This scenic, tree-lined course ~ Flat and fast, out and back ~ is made for setting records. The run starts at Rush Park and goes to Rossmoor Park and back. Cash prizes for top finishers. School GhouL Los Alamitos medals for all finishers. Every registrant receives a free pumpkin! **GhouL Zone carnival games for kids, pumpkin patch, pancake breakfast, music, costume contest.** 100% of the net proceeds goes directly to the Los Alamitos Unified School District's PTAs and Education Foundation. Please contact Gus Quinonez if you have any questions at 714-469-6061 or Laurie Beverage, Event Coordinator, at 949-294-4238 or visit [SchoolGhouLLosAlamitos.com](#).



**Holiday Toy Drive:** Each year gifts and cash donations are selflessly donated at pickup sites throughout the county for the [Orange County Sheriffs Department's Operation Santa Claus and Senior Santa and Friends Programs](#). Last year the District successfully partnered with OCSD to act as an official drop off location, thereby increasing donation opportunities. Thanks to the generosity of Rossmoor residents, a significant amount of toys and gifts were collected, benefitting local children and seniors throughout the County. This year, in cooperation with the OCSD and Rossmoor Homeowners Association the District will once again participate by providing Holiday Toy Drive gift donation drop off locations at Rush Park and Rossmoor Park. Check our website for collection starting dates and specific drop off locations to be announced soon. For more info. please fill out the [contact form](#) on our website or call (714) 679-2438 or email [OperationSanta-Claus@ssa.ocgov.com](#). For *Senior Santa* information call (714) 825-3111 or e-mail [Senior.Santa@ssa.ocgov.com](#).



Quarterly  
Quote...

*"Adversity  
is the  
First Path  
to Truth."*

*-Lord Byron-*

**Sun-Dec.8th. 11am-4pm: RWC Annual Holiday Home Tour & Boutique and Tea.** This is a fun-filled day and wonderful way to start the holiday season. Five families have graciously opened their Rossmoor homes for all to enjoy. All proceeds from the Home Tour are returned to the community. **The Boutique** will be hosted by Rossmoor Womans Club at **Designing Whims** and will offer beautiful holiday gifts. In addition, a **Holiday Tea at the Ayres Hotel** will offer refreshments as well as silent auction items and raffles for baskets. **Ticket Information:** Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and can be purchased after November 5<sup>th</sup>. See [www.rossmoorwomansclub.com](#) or call 562-810-7139 for ticket info.

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## SAFE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

—Lt. Rob Gunzel



Going out of town for the holidays? There's never been a more perfect time to request a vacation home check. The Orange County Sheriffs Department provides this service free of charge which involves a physical check of your residence to insure no windows or doors have been opened or tampered with while you are away or on vacation. It's so easy too! To schedule a vacation check, just visit our website and click on the [Home Vacation Check link](#), then simply fill out and submit the brief form. For additional information on how to keep your home safe during the holiday season click [here](#) or visit the Orange County Sheriff's Department website at <http://ocsd.org/about/info/safe/home>.

## MAINTENANCE MATTERS



October—November the District will be doing its annual reseedling, dethatching and irrigating of Rush and Rossmoor Parks. Also, every [Wednesday is mowing day](#). Please keep this information in mind when planning outdoor activities such as picnics and gatherings as it may impact your event. Rossmoor's parks are kept lush, green and well manicured, due to the ongoing care and maintenance they receive. Always cooperate with maintenance staff. Let's work together to keep Rossmoor beautiful.