



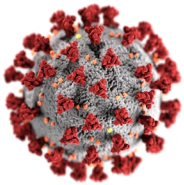
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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ROSSMOOR RESPONDS



If you are feeling cooped up you are certainly not alone. The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has been headline news over the past several weeks and like the virus, fear and anxiety continue to grow. Phrases like panic buying, hand washing, face masks and social distancing have been woven into our daily conversation. “Stay at home”, “slow the spread” are the new media mantras. What a strange new reality.

There is hope. It is encouraging to see Rossmoor residents reaching out to one another on social media sites with offers to shop and run errands for neighbors who are not able to leave their homes. Many struggling local restaurants and grocers are offering drive-thru and curbside pickup options for meals and pantry staples. Please support these businesses when venturing out for essential errands and exercise. Speaking of exercise, Rush Park and Rossmoor Park may be used safely for exercise such as walking, jogging and walking dogs on a leash while maintaining the recommended safe social distance of at least six feet or more. Pets are good therapy too! Enjoy this extra time with them.

The Rossmoor Community Services District is closely following Federal, State and local guidelines regarding public gathering restrictions and has responded by cancelling and/or postponing all public events, facility rentals and online reservations until further notice. The District has also closed all basketball courts, tennis courts, volleyball courts and athletic fields. Remember benches, railings and structures are high-touch areas and could potentially be a source of spread of COVID-19. Park restrooms remain open for essential workers and drop-in park users until 6 p.m. daily.

The County of Orange Health Referral Line is taking questions from the community about COVID-19 daily from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at 800-564-8448. http://www.ohealthinfo.com/phs/about/epidasmt/epi/dip/prevention/novel_coronavirus

Some things to consider: Develop a family action plan. Choose a room at home that can be used to separate sick household members from others; ensuring access to prescription and nonprescription medication, food and other essentials; create an emergency contact list of family, friends, neighbors, delivery services and other community resources.

Please monitor the RCSD website: www.rossmoor-csd.org for updates. For District-related questions you may call the office between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. or send a message in the [Contact Us](#) section of our website. We are grateful for our teachers, health care workers and first responders who are working tirelessly to manage this public health crisis. Stay safe and be well.

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Street Sweeping Enforcement



HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

in the North Unincorporated Areas of Orange County
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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EXECUTIVE MATTERS

STREET SWEEPING UPDATE

The Rossmoor Community Services (RCS D) Board of Directors would like to update the community on the status of the proposed street sweeping schedule change and the progress that has been made in the past few weeks. First, with the recent COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic and the significant impact this is having on the community, residents are advised that street sweeping parking violation ticketing has been suspended while residents are being asked to stay at home as much as possible and schools have been closed.

Since 1983, the Rossmoor Community Services District (RCS D) street sweeping schedule has been on the first and third Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As residents are aware, this schedule has been

challenging to local schools and residents since alternative parking other than garages and driveways is limited. Those residents with multiple cars, caregivers, visitors, contractors and home businesses are negatively impacted and may be ticketed for parking on the street during street sweeping hours by the Orange County Sheriff's Department in accordance the California Vehicle Code Section 22507.6.

As a result of our community's input at the stakeholders meeting held on October 3, 2019, an online survey, and discussion between the RCS D Board of Directors and Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel's office, we are happy to report that Supervisor Steel recognized the need for a change and supported our request. Therefore, we believe progress has been made towards a new street sweeping schedule.

At the March 10, 2020 RCS D Board of Directors meeting, the Board unanimously took action and authorized that a draft resolution be sent to Supervisor Steele's office requesting additional funding consideration, and requesting that a resolution be finalized and submitted to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for their approval. This action would facilitate the change in the street sweeping schedule and parking enforcement.

The proposed street sweeping schedule specifies that street sweeping and parking enforcement would be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Monday including holidays (with the exception of fifth Mondays). On the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, odd numbered addresses will be swept, while on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, even numbered addresses will be swept. This new concept will provide our residents with parking options on alternate sides of the street that are not scheduled for sweeping.

While the proposed street sweeping schedule change is currently at the conceptual stage, the Board continues to move forward with the preparation of contractual agreements and identifying the source of additional funding that may be needed for the new street sweeping schedule. With regard to signage, it should be noted that the existing number of signs and their location, are adequate. Therefore, the signs should only need to be changed to reflect the new schedule.

We appreciate the support of the Rossmoor community as we work to alleviate some of the parking issues that have been experienced because of street sweeping in the community.

Please be safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and watch out for your family and neighbors.



WARNING



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN FORCE

WE CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Neighborhood Watch, organized by the [Rossmoor Homeowners Association](#) is a cooperative partnership between the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Rossmoor residents and businesses to reduce crime and keep Rossmoor safe. An active Neighborhood Watch is one of the most successful and least costly crime prevention programs available. By working with your neighbors and the Sheriff's Department, you can help fight crime in Rossmoor the most effective way.....*before it begins!* Although the Sheriff's Department provides guidance to Neighborhood Watch groups, Rossmoor volunteers, such as you, actually run the program. It's up to everyone to be observant and look out for one another. If you see something, say something. Help neighbors who may be struggling during these challenging times. Contact RHA: 562-799-1401 or <https://ourrossmoor.com/contact/> for info.



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Emergency Alerts!

To get started, text the word
ALERTOC to 888777



You can also go to AlertOC.com to create and manage your own profile for notifications for your home, work, or school!



CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Report Traffic
Concerns Officer Matt
Musselmann



COMMUNITY & SUMMER EVENTS POSTPONED/CANCELLED INDEFINITELY

FREE RICHARD III
CANCELLED

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
CONCERTS MOVIES
IN THE PARK
2-4-1
FREE FAM FU
RUSH PARK IN ROSSMOOR
POSTPONED

FREE LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST
CANCELLED

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
ARBOR DAY
POETRY CONTEST 2020
POSTPONED

POSTPONED

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Rossmoor Community Festival
CANCELLED
Food Family Fun

Due to the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak these events have been cancelled and/or postponed until further notice.

As part of its Arbor Day celebration, which was cancelled, the District held a poetry contest for Los Alamitos Unified School District Students, 5-14 years old. After reviewing many outstanding submissions, three winners were selected and will be announced at a future date and time. Thank you all for your participation. Congratulations to all the winners! Stay tuned for further announcements.

ROSSMOOR HOMEOWNERS HAVE TREE TRIMMING OPTIONS

The Rossmoor Community Services District is excited to announce a new tree trimming permit process. Property owners who would like to pay for an aesthetic trim of a parkway tree have the option, upon District approval, to pay for a trim by the District's tree contractor or can obtain a permit from RCSD to have their own, RCSD approved contractor trim the tree. In compliance with Federal bird and wildlife protection standards, permits will not be issued during bird nesting season, which runs February through August. District pruning permit forms and specifications can be found on the RCSD website: rossmoor-csd.org. Please contact District Arborist Mary Kingman for more information: mkingman@rossmoor-csd.org (562) 430-3707 X-106.

The trees on the parkway/right-of-way are public property, owned and managed by Rossmoor Community Services District with a policy in place that protects District trees against unauthorized pruning, removal or damage and gives RCSD the authority to pursue loss and recovery for trees that are damaged or removed. In addition to tree protection Policy 3080, the District now has a separate Administrative Citation policy in place that authorizes the District to issue citations for unauthorized trimming or removal of parkway trees, with monetary fine amounts ranging from \$300-\$1000 depending on the severity and frequency of the violation. A complete policy and fine schedule can be found on the RCSD website: rossmoor-csd.org.

Rossmoor is known for its trees and has been awarded Tree City USA status for 10 years. Trees provide shade, oxygen, aesthetic value, increased property values, reduced air and noise pollution and wildlife habitat, along with many health benefits. With over 5,000 trees in the parks and parkways alone, at a value of over 17 million dollars, the urban forest of Rossmoor is a resource worth protecting.

WE ARE TELECOMMUTING

The Rossmoor Community Services District is working from home.

All *essential* Rossmoor Community Services District Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings will be held via teleconference for the time being. Agendas will be posted as usual on the District website.

Instructions on how to call in and join the meeting are provided below and will also be posted on all teleconference agendas.



BOARD MEETINGS

Every Month

2nd Tues.

@ 7 p.m.

FreeConferenceCall.com
Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6383
Access Code: 226260#
International dial-in numbers:
<https://fccdl.in/i/ldeering>
Online meeting ID: ldeering
Join the online meeting:
<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/ldeering>

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Help" to the Dial-in number above.

Message and data rates may apply.