



# Rossmoor

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## AN AVALANCHE OF FESTIVAL GOERS!



The Third Annual [Rossmoor Winter Festival](#) and 60th Anniversary Celebration held on Friday, December 8, 2017 was a shining success! An avalanche of over 3,500 festival goers made the journey to Rush Park in Rossmoor for this year's winter festival. Thanks to everyone who participated and all who joined us for this special holiday event. It was truly magical.

Our sparkling tree lighting ceremony lit up the night along with the fabulous entertainment and performances by Elvis Impersonator, Gary Anderson, Los Alamitos School District School Choirs, Calvary Chapel Band, OC Song & Dance [and more!](#) People lined up for the holiday lights trolley tour complete with 3-D Glasses, photos with Santa and The Grinch. Special shout out to our Title Sponsor **Chamberlain Real Estate** for their generous participation and contribution. We appreciate all the sponsors, vendors and volunteers who made this event possible.

It was so much fun to see all the families sledding and dashing through the snow, sitting with The Grinch in an open sleigh, feeding the live reindeer, enjoying the petting zoo, bounce house, Santa's arts and crafts, reindeer games and more. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. The food was pretty great too.



What was your favorite part of the Rossmoor Winter Festival? What would you like to see next year? Share your favorite moments on Instagram with the hashtag **#RWFFAVES**. Be sure to check out the [2017 Photo Gallery](#) at [rossmoorwinterfestival.com](http://rossmoorwinterfestival.com).

## STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2017

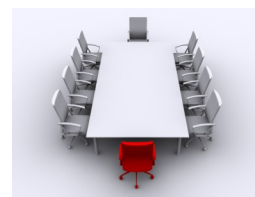
The RCSD Board President presented the [2017 State of the District Address](#) at the January 9, 2018 regular Board Meeting. The State of the District Address can be read on our website at: [www.rossmoor-csd.org](http://www.rossmoor-csd.org). The RCSD Board of Directors also held its annual election of officers. Election results can also be found on our website. **RCSD Board meetings are televised on LATV-3 and are also available for viewing 24/7 on our website.** For questions pertaining to board meetings, agendas and speaker requests contact the [Administrative Assistant](#).

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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

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# EXECUTIVE MATTERS

Well, the holidays are over. Time sure does fly. I enjoyed seeing many of you at our 3rd Annual Rossmoor Winter Festival and 60th Anniversary Celebration. It was a great turnout and a great way to bring the community together to spend time with friends and neighbors. I hope you all were able to enjoy some quality time with your loved ones.

In case you missed it, at the December 12 meeting of the RCSD Board, the Orange County Fire Authority gave a timely presentation on Holiday Fire Safety. The presentation can be viewed on our website. We have many informative Board Meeting presentations coming up in the next few months that you don't want to miss. **January 9th: The State of the District Address; OCSD Drug Awareness and OCFA Paramedic Response Times; February 13th: OCSD Rossmoor Quarterly Crime Statistics and RCSD Staff Quarterly Reports.** More information will be posted on our website as well as in future notifications. Please let us know if there are other topics you would like to learn more about. [The Los Alamitos Unified School District will also be holding a Parent Education Night in January 2018 that deals with Internet Safety related to personal device and social media use.](#) Parents, grandparents and older teens are encouraged to attend.

—JDR

## Quarterly Quote:

*It is curious-  
CURIOUS  
that  
PHYSICAL  
courage  
should be so  
COMMON  
in the world and  
MORAL  
courage  
SO RARE* Mark Twain

## Congratulations Owen!

The RCSD

Board of Directors  
awarded Rossmoor

Resident, and Eagle  
Scout, Owen Pearce

with a Proclamation

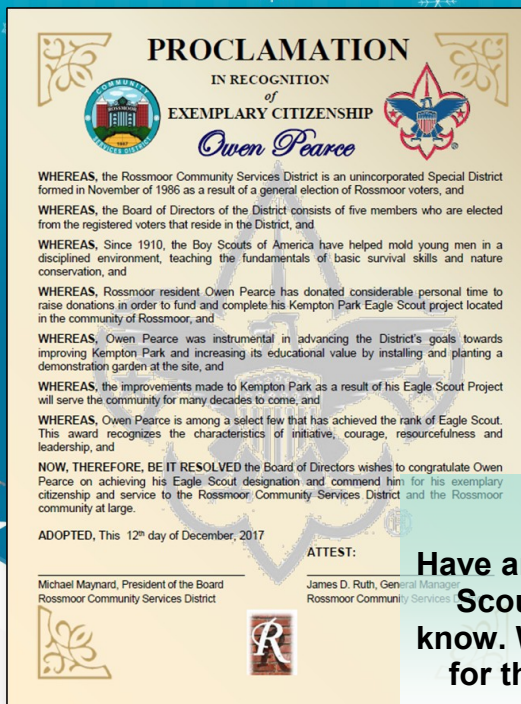
in Recognition of his  
Exemplary Citizenship,

at its Tuesday,

December 12, 2017

regular Board Meeting.

You can view the meeting  
on our website.



## Ask Us

Have an idea for an Eagle Scout Project, let us know. We do have a need for them from time to time.

# ONLINE RESERVATIONS LAUNCH SOON!



**January 15, 2018** Rossmoor Community Services District will launch online reservations for tennis courts and picnic sites. If you have not already done so, now is the time to create your online account.

In order to make reservations online you must create a RecDesk Online Profile. Online Account Approval is required before you will be allowed to reserve and pay online. To do this please visit:

<https://rossmoordsd.recdesk.com/Community/Member/Signup>

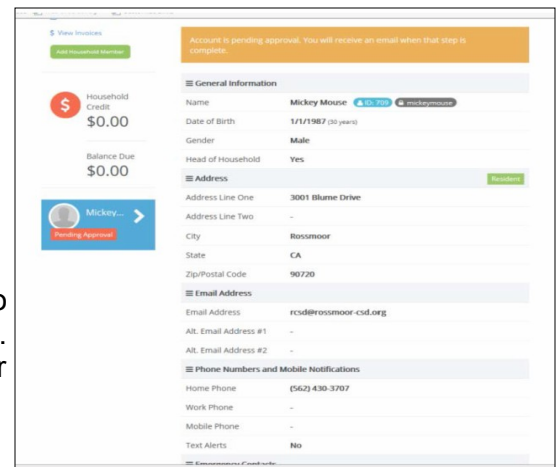
And complete the member profile setup process. Your member profile will need to be approved first in order to activate online registration and/or reservations. Accepted Proof of Residency is a valid California Drivers License or California I.D. with a valid Rossmoor address, or a utility bill with a valid Rossmoor address accompanied by a valid CDL or ID. Please attach a PDF version of these documents when prompted during the online submission process. You will be notified via email once your member sign up has been approved.



**\*Cut off for same day tennis reservations is 2:00pm.**

**\*Cut off for weekend tennis reservations is Friday at 2:00pm.**

We look forward to providing these enhanced technological tools to increase convenience and quality of life for residents and patrons. For more information click on the screenshot image to the right or visit our website at [www.rossmoor-csd.org](http://www.rossmoor-csd.org).



## LET'S GET CONNECTED on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram!



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Twitter: [https://twitter.com/OCFA\\_PIO](https://twitter.com/OCFA_PIO)

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# BONUS E-CONTENT

## ON SCHEDULE



Happy New Year!

Board Meeting Dates & Replays

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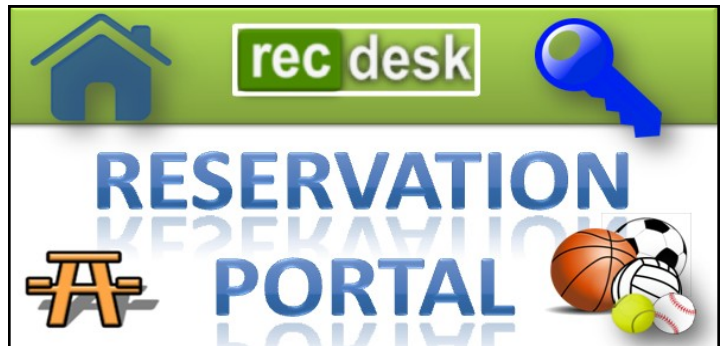
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SPACES FILLING FAST!**



For information on park and facility rentals and picnic reservations, click on the

[RecDesk reservation portal.](#)

Browse photos, fee schedules, access facility & picnic applications, user procedures and more!



# Branch

*With Mary*



# Banter

*Kingman*



## PRICELESS TRISTORY

Since I am often asked, here is a little background on tree species, original to Rossmoor's urban forest. Some of the first parkway trees were planted by developer Ross Cortese in 1957 and 1958 when the first homes in the tract were built. Initially there were approximately nine different trees species planted, with each street having the same variety. Uniform tree planting gave Rossmoor a sophisticated elegance that complimented the houses, which were also similar to one another in architectural style and design. Today monoculture planting is not recommended due to the risk of an entire tree population being wiped out by pests or diseases that target a particular species. Original tree species include White Mulberry, Arizona Ash, Silver Maple, California Sycamore, London Plane and Black Locust. Varieties planted on streets that were developed later include: Brazilian Pepper, Southern Magnolia, Evergreen Pear and American Sweetgum, (botanical name 'Liquidambar'). Of these original species, only a few remain with hybrids of older varieties replacing the originals. Today, different trees, more suited to our climate are recommended and work better as parkway trees.

The broad, sturdy and fruitless variety of *Morus Alba*, (White Mulberry) with its big leaves was planted along Foster Road, Druid Lane, Newbury Rd and other streets. Of these, 185 original trees still exist. Tall, stately Arizona Ash trees lined streets such as Blume Drive, Kensington, north Wembley Rd and Weatherby and Wallingsford Roads to the north. Only 120 of these trees remain, and unfortunately will continue to be removed as they become hazardous. Silver Maples, one of the most stunning of the big trees, were topped in their early days to stunt their size; allowing decay to enter and contribute to their early demise. There are 128 of these aging beauties left along Bostonian Dr., Kensington Rd. to the south and Loch Lomond Rd. Grand California Sycamores still adorn Martha Ann Dr., but are significantly threatened by Shot Hole Borer and disease, along with their smaller hybrid cousin, The London Plane; found on many streets, including Kempton Drive, Ballantine Dr. north and Chaucer Rd. Many residents have grown up with the same tree for many years. We should continue to enjoy these original specimens for as long as we can. In addition to other values, these trees have irreplaceable sentimental value.

—MK