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ROSSMOOR REINDEER TO REAPPEAR!

Visions of reindeer are already dancing in the heads of the busy Rossmoor Winter Festival Committee! We are planning an even bigger and better experience for this year's **2nd Annual Rossmoor Winter Festival!** This **free event** will be held at Rush Park in Rossmoor on Friday, **December 9, 2016**. Our opening ceremony begins at 6 pm followed by a magical tree lighting ceremony. **The Grinch** holiday movie will be shown in the auditorium where there will also be arts & crafts, and photos with Santa. We'll have a fabulous array of food trucks to explore and a variety of vendors that are sure to make your holiday shopping a breeze. Our outstanding entertainment lineup features live performances by the outstanding Los Alamitos School District Oak and McAuliffe Middle School Choirs. The main stage will be "All Shook Up! Uh-Huh! Uh-Huh!" and sparkling with classic performances by Elvis and Neil Diamond (*Impersonators*). Our beloved signature live reindeer attraction is where antlers abound and our signature holiday lights trolley ride is back with twice the capacity due to popular demand—both will delight children of all ages. The Seal Beach Lions Club will host a beer garden for adults 21 years and over. Fun ends at 10 pm. Don't miss it!



rossmoorwinterfestival.com.

Now Accepting Sponsors!



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*What if you had the opportunity to be part of something **big**? Something **memorable**? Something **special**? Well, you're in luck! We are looking for sponsors who want to contribute to a unique and emerging new Rossmoor tradition. Just think, one day you'll be able to tell your children or grandchildren that you were one of the founding sponsors of the Rossmoor Winter Festival. Total bragging rights! [Click here to see a list of our current sponsors.](#)*



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BOARD MEETINGS

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



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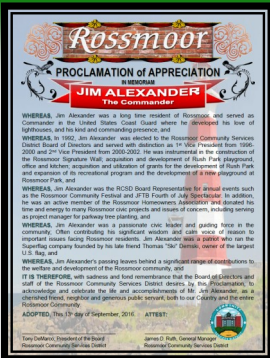
EXECUTIVE MATTERS



Although we say it every year, it is still hard to believe the holiday season is upon us. Thanks to the dedication of our board and staff, this year has been filled with many milestones and achievements. Rossmoor has many exciting holiday activities planned in the next few months. Join us and take some time to celebrate the end of a great year with friends and loved ones.

October 30th is the 5th Anniversary of the [Annual School Ghou Run](#) at Rush Park in Rossmoor. Organizers Gus Quinonez and Laurie Beverage do a fantastic job coordinating this wonderful community event each year. On October 29th the annual Pumpkin Patch will take place at Rossmoor Park. Many thanks to **Team Chamberlain Realty Executives** for sponsoring this festive family tradition with free pumpkins (see p.3). I look forward to seeing you all at our 2nd Annual [Rossmoor Winter Festival](#). We are delighted at the [generous sponsors](#) and volunteers who have already committed to creating another spectacular experience for the Rossmoor Community. Sponsorship opportunities are still available and we encourage local businesses and individuals to partner with us in order to make the season truly magical. [The Orange County Sheriff's Department](#) will have a booth set up to accept donations for the annual toy/gift drive. Please be advised that our November regular board meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 1st at 7 p.m. in order to accommodate the election polling location at our Rush Park auditorium facility. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For information about our holiday office closures, please refer to our website. —JDR

IN MEMORIAM...



At their Tuesday, September 13th regular board meeting, the RCSD Board honored former RCSD Board Member and Rossmoor resident Jim Alexander with a Proclamation in Memoriam ([Read proclamation here](#)). Patty Alexander accepted the proclamation on behalf of her late husband. Jim was a beloved member of the Rossmoor Community a dedicated public servant. We will all miss seeing him drive around in his red, white and blue Superflag truck. **Bon Voyage Commander Alexander!**

SIX WINTER PLUMBING TIPS



- Holiday Cooking Precautions:** Cooking grease and oils stress and damage drains, pipes and garbage disposals. These substances collect and clog, especially in colder temps, so refrain from pouring them down drains. Don't put hard to grind objects or stringy substances in the disposal either and run cold water for at least 15 seconds before and after each use. Turn the disposal on before filling with any food debris.
- Prevent clogged drains:** Mix 1 cup salt, 1 cup baking soda and 1/4 cup cream of tartar. Pour equal amounts into your drains and follow with 2 cups of boiling water in each drain. This method offers a quick, safe, environmentally friendly solution.
- Insulate Pipes:** Those in cold climates should insulate pipes with foam padded sleeves or insulating tape to guard both hot and cold water pipes against freezing.
- Running Water:** In cold climates, run water from every valve in your house at regular intervals to prevent freezing.
- Outdoor Spigots and Hoses:** Un-attach garden hoses before freezing temperatures arrive. Close the shutoff valve on the pipes that lead to the spigots and drain residual water from spigots or hoses. Roll up hoses and safely store until spring.
- Spread Showers Throughout the Day:** At least 10 minute intervals between showers is best to maintain hot water and correct water pressure. It is a good idea to turn up the water heater during the cold season. To prevent burns do not raise above 125F.





GEARING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

School Ghou! 10K—5K Run/Walk & Kids Festival of Races

5th Anniversary!
October 30th at
Rush Park, Rossmoor

Contact Organizers Gus Quinonez & Laurie Beverage for details at info@schoolghoullosalamitos.com.



Pumpkin Patch: October 29th
Rossmoor Park-3232 Hedwig Rd.
Time: 12pm to 2pm

For information
On park and facility
rentals and picnic
reservations, click
on the [RecDesk](#)
reservation portal.

Browse photos, fee
schedules and more!



RESERVATION



PORTAL



AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

OUT OF TOWN? OPEN HOUSE?
Make sure your valuables stay put!

FREE VACATION CHECK

Orange County Sheriff's Department
Orange County, California

To Schedule Call 714-647-7000
Or Fill Out The Online Form

AVOID CITATION AGGRAVATION
Every 1st & 3rd Monday
STREET SWEEPING

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

VIOLATORS MAY BE CITED

Keep a Fire Extinguisher Close By

KNOW HOW TO USE IT

The holidays are a time for gathering with family and friends to cook and enjoy good food. All the increased activity, packed schedules and stress can create distractions that jeopardize safety. According to The Orange County Fire Authority cooking fires are the leading cause of fires, fire injuries and fire deaths in Orange County. All types of cooking appliances and methods were involved including ranges, rotisseries, grills, BBQs and microwave ovens. The OCFA believes that more are happening but are not being reported. 1 in 4 fire deaths is caused by a cooking fire which also causes a substantial amount of property damage. **Keep a fire extinguisher close by and KNOW HOW TO USE IT!**

[Watch OCFA's Cook With Fire PSA here](#)

[Watch OCFA's Smoke Alarm Safety PSA Here](#)

OCSD BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS



Most Burglaries can be prevented:

- Always lock doors and windows, even when leaving for “just a minute.” Be sure to use the dead bolt lock.
- Never hide house keys under doormats, in flower pots, or on door ledges.
- Lock your side garage door at night and when you are away from home.
- Lock your garage door leading into the house.
- Keep your garage door closed. Thieves steal items from open garages in less than 30 seconds.
- Do not leave items of value outside your home. Thieves may take items from your porch, patio or yard. Remember, many burglaries occur with no force—burglars enter your home through unlocked doors and windows.

Going Out?

- Never leave GPSs in plain sight, and never label your home address as “Home.”
- Use timers so lights, radio, and TV go on and off; make your house look “lived in”.
- For vacation, halt mail and newspaper deliveries or have a neighbor collect them daily.
- Never leave purses, wallet, or valuables in plain sight.
- If you arrive home to find a broken window or jimmied door, don't go in. For your safety, phone [Sheriff's Dispatch](#) at 9-1-1 or 714-647-7000 for a deputy to respond.



Other Tips:

- Social media—don't advertise that you're not at home by posting “on vacation in Hawaii for a week”.
- Always use your lens viewer before answering the door and never open it without knowing who is there.
- Install motion sensor lighting around the perimeter of your house. Keep porch lights on dusk to dawn.
- Use your alarm system at all times.
- Laminate windows and sliders to prevent breakage.
- Change locks periodically if you've given house keys to someone performing any work in your home.
- When you have any type of work done on your home, even housecleaning, make sure all doors and windows are locked before you leave the home or when at home.
- Engrave valuables, with your driver's license no. preceded by “CA” for California. This makes property more difficult to pawn and easier for law enforcement to identify.
- Rent a safe deposit box or purchase a home safe to guard valuables, i.e. jewelry, cash, coins, passports, birth certificates and other important documents.
- Keep landscaping around your home trimmed down around doorways, windows and light fixtures.
- Always lock your car, and take the garage door remote with you even when it is parked in your driveway.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times.



Branch Banter

With Mary



Kingman



Holiday Tree Talk



Real Christmas Trees are Renewable, Recyclable, and "Green": CR&R Waste and Recycling will be collecting used Christmas Trees from December 26th-January 10th. Trees will be picked up on regular service days and must be placed next to or behind trash containers. The trees must be stripped completely bare: no ornaments, tinsel, lights or tree stands. For questions or more information you may [contact CR&R customer service](#) at 1-800-826-9677. Many communities have found creative ways to use Christmas Trees post-harvest: from common chipping programs to marshland reclamation to beach restoration. Farm-grown Christmas Trees are a 100 percent biodegradable plant and can be recycled in many different ways. Plastic trees are totally non-biodegradable. Also, for every tree harvested, one to three new seedlings are planted on average. There's nothing like the refreshing scent of a real evergreen tree. Be sure to keep your tree properly watered, check tree lights, wires and ornaments for safety and turn off tree lights when you are away from home.



Trees for Troops! The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, the charitable branch of the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA), will be sponsoring the Trees for Troops program for the 11th consecutive year. Since the program began in 2005, Trees for Troops, with support from FedEx, has delivered more than 157,000 Real Christmas Trees to military families across the nation and around the world. Trees for Troops counts on donations from the public to make this program succeed year after year. You can support Trees for Troops through your [tax-deductible donation](#) or by becoming a [sponsor](#). The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity. Christmas SPIRIT Foundation staff and volunteer participants can speak about the reach and impact of the program, as well as how consumers get can involved. [View the 2015 tree donor list.](#)

Quarterly Quote:

“Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.”

-Author Anais Nin-