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STREET SWEEPING SOLUTIONS

SOUND OFF!

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 3, 2019 - 7 PM

ROSSMOOR

STREET SWEEPING SOLUTIONS

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Attendees will include:
RCSD, RHA, LAUSD,
OCSD, County of Orange
and Rossmoor residents.

RUSH PARK AUDITORIUM
3001 BLUME DRIVE,
ROSSMOOR, CA 90720
562-430-3707

Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. the Rossmoor Community Services District will discuss alternative options to the current street sweeping schedule in Rossmoor. The meeting will include representatives from the Rossmoor Homeowners Association, Los Alamitos Unified School District, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Community Traffic/Safety Advisory Committee and residents. Over the years residents have expressed frustration with the current all day schedule.

This is your opportunity to sound off on street sweeping. We encourage all residents to attend and opine. Currently, the District contracts with **R.F. Dickson** to perform street sweeping services on the **FIRST and THIRD Monday of every month between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** At the August 13, 2019 Rossmoor Community Services District regular Board meeting, staff reported on the benefits of changing the current street sweeping policy/ordinance from the first and third Mondays of the month to the first and third Monday (*even numbering residential homes*) and the first and third Tuesday (*odd numbered residential homes*) of the month, in order to provide alternative parking on street sweeping days. We are open to all suggestions and hope you will join us in brainstorming solutions in order to provide a better quality of life in Rossmoor.



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EXECUTIVE MATTERS



National Preparedness Month, is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. The 2019 theme is "[Prepared, Not Scared.](#)" As part of this campaign, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has created weekly themes to increase awareness about emergency and disaster preparedness and survival strategies. *In a disaster, you are the help until help arrives.*

At its regular September 10, 2019 Board Meeting the RCSD Board of Directors adopted a **Resolution No.**



BOARD MEETINGS

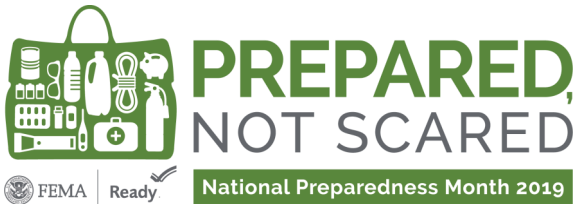
Every Month-2nd Tuesday
@7 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium.



19-09-10-01 proclaiming September as Emergency Preparedness month in Rossmoor. This doesn't mean that we should wait until September to be prepared. **Don't know where to start?** The [FEMA.gov](#) website contains a wealth of information like an emergency supply list and family communication plan for children and adults. Be sure to register online with the [AlertOC.com](#) or by texting "**AlertOC**" to **888-777**. The AlertOC mass notification system is designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies. By

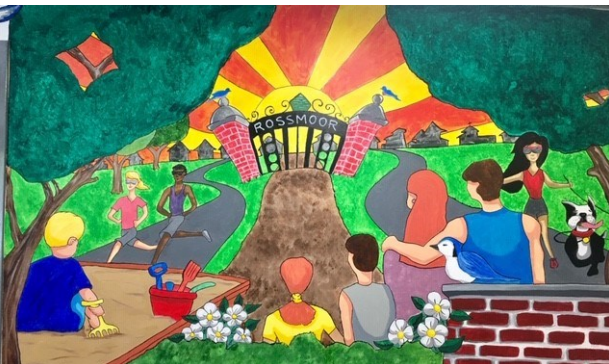
registering with **AlertOC** time sensitive messages may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones and email accounts. Public mass notification systems have become a critical component of emergency preparation and response. **ReadyOC** is Orange County's emergency preparedness resource. Tap into preparedness with the **ReadyOC** App for Apple and Android phones. Sign up for **ReadyOC** events in your area and explore the wealth of resources and activities for kids. Make a **Promise to Prepare!**

I hope to see all of you at all of our fantastic upcoming holiday events beginning with the School Ghou 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, October 26th and ending with our 5th fabulous Rossmoor Winter Festival on Friday, December 13th! Have a safe and wonderful holiday season. —JM



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

The District would like to thank everyone who donated items for the new **Rush Park Game Room**. The Rossmoor Community and Youth Center children now have hundreds of games, books and sports equipment available for checkout.



The new mural depicts Rossmoor landmarks and lifestyle

Be sure to stop in and see the colorful custom Rossmoor Community Mural painted on the wall by artist Mr. Mike with the help of some local youth. The District hopes that the new community game room will inspire kids of all ages to enjoy some good old fashioned family fun together.



Children help paint the colorful mural in the new game room at Rush Park

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

On-site Registration at Rush Park
Saturday, Oct 26th from 3-6 pm
Event Starts—Sunday, Oct 27th at 6 am

SCHOOL GHOUL
LOS ALAMITOS

5K * 1Miler * KIDS FESTIVAL
OF RACES

OCT 27, 2019



The School Ghoul 5K Run/Walk, 1 miler and Kid's Festival of Races supports the Los Alamitos Unified School District by raising awareness for the importance of physical fitness and enrichment programs for local schools. This community event has grown in size and success and will celebrate 8 years in 2019.



Fuel up with a Pancake Breakfast!



The Rossmoor Winter Festival will turn 5 years old this December and it is going to be *Snow Wonderful!* Live entertainment, a formal tree lighting ceremony, signature holiday lights trolley tour, delicious food, real snow, photos with Santa, holiday characters, arts and crafts, pony rides, a petting zoo and beer garden. So get your antlers in an uproar because we have even more free family fun in store!

Visit rossmoorwinterfestival.com



ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOY/GIFT DRIVE November 1st to December 13th



Rossmoor Community Services District will partner with the Orange County Sheriff's Department once again this year for the Annual Holiday Toy/Gift Drive, a.k.a. Operation Santa Claus and Senior Santa and Friends. We will be gratefully accepting Donations of a new, unwrapped toy or gift. Donations may be dropped off at the Rush Park Office during regular business hours. Donations will also be accepted at the Orange County Sheriffs Department Booth during the Rossmoor Winter Festival Event. The annual toy/gift drive provides gifts and special request items to low income individuals who are elderly or adults who are severely disabled. We appreciate all contributions



Submission Period: May 1 – September 30, 2019.

VIDEO contest

win \$2,000

1ST PLACE-\$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP
2ND PLACE-\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP
3RD PLACE-\$500 SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE
Sept. 30

Show Us How Special
Districts Make the Difference!

<http://districtsmakethedifference.org/video-contest>

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

For over 100 years special districts have kept our lights on, our water flowing, and our communities thriving. California special districts are much more than just local service providers. They are created by local residents to meet their community's needs in the most efficient and effective manner.

It's never too early to start working on a short video starring your local special district. Students are encouraged to be creative with their videos as they show how 'Districts Make the Difference' in California.

Do you know a student who may be interested in a scholarship? Are you a student who is interested? Do you know a teacher, principal, or someone who can help promote the contest? Spread the word!

The contest submission period will run from May 1 to September 30, 2019. All submissions are entered in the statewide contest. Some students may also be eligible for local contests. Videos must be 60-90 seconds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTEST, VISIT
WWW.DISTRICTSMAKETHE DIFFERENCE.ORG/VIDEO-CONTEST



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Submit Your Video Today.



STEP 1

Create a 60 – 90 second video highlighting the value of special districts.

STEP 2

Submit your video at districtsmakethedifference.org/video-contest by September 30.



www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/video-contest

Vote Today.



VIDEO contest

Statewide Voting

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TREES, YOUNG AND OLD



Richmond Riverside
Plane Tree,
London, UK

Most of the Rossmoor tract was developed in 1958, and the remainder in the first years of the 1960s, making the original trees planted 60 years old now! The original species palette included White Mulberry, Black Locust, Arizona Ash, American Sweetgum, Silver Maple, London Plane and California Sycamore. While many of the original trees have been removed due to disease or decline, there are still hundreds of these senior citizens of Rossmoor's urban forest that still grace streets with their stately presence. One aspect of my job that I really love is seeing the newly planted trees grow. Tree species palettes are constantly changing due to many factors including climate conditions and disease prevalence. A tree will be touted by industry professionals as the next great street tree, only to find years later that its popularity has plummeted due to a high incidence of limb failure or increased maintenance needs. Observing trees that were planted 5-7 years ago gives us a great perspective on the growth rate, water and maintenance needs and aesthetic qualities of certain tree species. Some young trees that have done especially well include: Raywood Ash, Tulip Tree, Chinese Flame, Mexican Sycamore, Australian Willow, Peppermint Tree, Crape Myrtle, Chinese Pistache, Maidenhair Tree and Brisbane Box. I have observed a huge difference in health and vigor with trees that have been properly watered and planted in their own mulched area, separate from grass or other plant material. Planting a tree in its own space with mulch helps prevent soil

moisture loss, nitrogen deficiencies and damage from mowing equipment. Finally, I wanted to share this photo of a really old and really big tree. This London Plane tree is located down the River Thames in London, UK. Upon researching, I found out it is called the 'Richmond Riverside Plane' the tallest tree of its kind in London and is planted in the middle of a restaurant patio!

—MK