



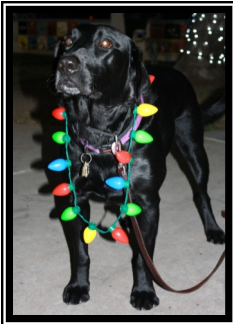
# Rossmoor

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## THOUSANDS ENJOYED 2ND WINTER FESTIVAL



Thank you Rossmoor for helping to make this year's [2nd annual Rossmoor Winter Festival an outstanding success!](#) **#RWF2016**

Thousands flocked to Rush Park for photos with Santa and to see popular attractions like our tree lighting ceremony, signature live reindeer, holiday movie, Elsa and Ana characters, activities, and arts and crafts. Live entertainment included award winning LAUSD school choir performances, energetic Neil Diamond impersonator Jason Lohrke and a talented rock band known as "The Dinosaurs". Families boarded the trolley for the magical Christmas Lights Home Tour in 3-D! Comfort and joy were served by a variety of gourmet food trucks and beer garden, with an array of vendors on hand for holiday shoppers. Next year we hope to deliver an even bigger and brighter event to the community complete with real snow! Calling all sponsors, we want to invite you to participate in the **Let it Snow Challenge!** We really appreciate the hard work of the RCSD Staff, Winter Festival Committee and volunteers who brought the event to life. **#reindeerofly** —LD



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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

President Michael Maynard  
1st VP Ron Casey  
2nd VP Mark Nitikman  
Director Tony DeMarco  
Director Bill Kahlert



## STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS 2016

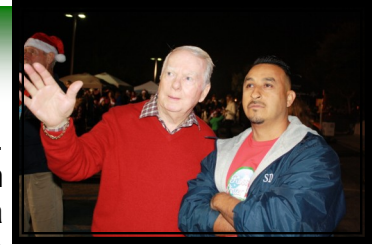
The RCSD Board President presented the 2016 State of the District Address at the January 10, 2017 regular meeting of the Board. The State of the District Address can be read on our website at: [www.rossmoor-csd.org](http://www.rossmoor-csd.org). The RCSD Board of Directors also held its annual election 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](#).

**Staff:** General Manager J.D. Ruth—Admin Assistant E. Deering—Accountant K. Bell—General Clerk J. Verduzco—Park Superintendent O. Perez—Recreation Superintendent. C. Argueta—Maintenance/Rec. J. Zaldana—Rec. J. Perez—Tree Consultant M. Kingman



## EXECUTIVE MATTERS



*James D. Ruth & Omero Perez at this year's winter festival*

Happy New Year! Another fabulous year is behind us. I am so proud of everything the RCSD accomplished in 2016. Our 2nd Annual Rossmoor Winter Festival was a huge success, attracting over two thousand people. We are signing up sponsors for the "Let it Snow Challenge!" in order to bring an even more authentic winter experi-

ence to our North OC Community. District Capital Improvements included installation of the new Rush Park Canopy (p. 4), LED Lighting Upgrades, and Kempton Mini-Park Demonstration Project. The Board advocated for residents on issues such as the proposed LA Fitness Center at the Shops at Rossmoor in Seal Beach, the regional homeless issue and most recently, the Village 605 Project in the City of Los Alamitos. We launched the first ever [Rossmoor Wildlife Watch](#) Program to address coyote sighting and safety concerns. The new, modernized RCSD website is due to launch this month so that we may better serve our residents. The District's finances continue to be strong with the Board's decision to increase our rainy day fund reserves from \$250,000 to \$500,000 and for the fourth consecutive year we received a positive unmodified audit report from our auditors; the highest rating possible. We take pride in serving the Rossmoor community and look forward to an outstanding 2017.



—JDR

### Quarterly Quote:

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."



**Branch**

*With Mary*



**Banter**

*Kingman*



## CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY!

Happy 2017! For 6 years now, Rossmoor has had the honor of being designated as Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. In celebration of Arbor Day, which in California is March 7-14, I would love to hear from residents about their favorite trees in Rossmoor.

**What is your favorite tree and what do you love about it?** It doesn't have to be a street tree or a park tree; but could be your own tree, or maybe your neighbor's tree or just a tree you admire in passing when walking or driving around the community. It doesn't have to be a big tree, or an old tree – just a tree that inspires you and makes you take notice; a tree that makes you appreciate the beauty of nature. Maybe you enjoy all the trees on a particular street?

Please send your feedback to: [mkingman@rossmoor.csd](mailto:mkingman@rossmoor.csd). I look forward to reading your responses and will use them to spotlight some of Rossmoor's most beautiful trees in the next issue. Please visit the RCSD booth at the Rossmoor Community Festival on May 6, 2017 for information about Rossmoor's Urban Forest and to enter our raffle for tree related prizes.

—MK

# YOUR STREET SWEEPING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## WHO?, WHAT?, WHEN? WHERE? WHY? HOW? AND HOW MUCH?

**WHO?** The Orange County Sheriff's Department is the law enforcement agency responsible for the manner and method of issuing street sweeping citations in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 22507.6. Rossmoor's street sweeping schedule is not new, and has been in effect since the formation of the District in 1987.

**WHAT?** Lately, the District has received phone calls from residents related to street sweeping citations and enforcement. Some calls are concerning citation disputes and other callers have the opposite complaint—their streets are not getting swept due to people leaving their cars parked on the street. These parked cars make it impossible for the sweeper to clean the streets effectively. Callers complain that not only is their street left un-swept and filled with debris, oftentimes the violators avoid the consequences of a citation.

**WHEN?** Rossmoor Street Sweeping Days are on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month falls on a holiday, the streets will be swept on the following Monday.

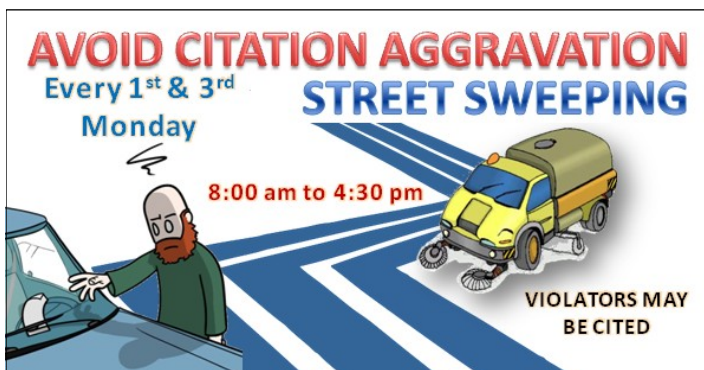
**WHERE?** Street sweeping reminder signs are posted at the entryways to the community, on our website and on social media. There is no dedicated Deputy assigned to follow the sweeper as that individual is shared between Rossmoor and fellow unincorporated County territories. Parking is prohibited on local streets during street sweeping hours as authorized by California Vehicle Code Section 22507.6. This means that cars may be cited *AT ANY TIME* between those hours, even *AFTER* the sweeper has already swept the street.

**WHY?** Rossmoor is not a city and is also somewhat unique in that the streets are laid out in a manner that would make sweeping alternate sides of the street infeasible without signage indicating days and hours of street sweeping. It has been estimated that it would take about 7000 signs, located approximately in front of every three or four homes to make the change. Also a new contract would have to be negotiated for dedicated street sweepers on more than two days per month. This would increase costs for street sweeping, fabricating and installing signs and would be considered by some to be sign blight throughout the community. **HOW?** The District contracts with R.F. Dickson for street sweeping services and is reimbursed for the expense by the County. If your street was accidentally missed, and this was NOT DUE to a parked car, please send us an email with STREET SWEEPING in the subject line and include your contact information and location. We will submit a request to re-sweep that location. If your street is not swept due to parked cars, contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department and provide them with a description of the vehicle so they can issue a citation.

**HOW MUCH?** Current bail amount of a street sweeping ticket is \$47.00.

**WHO AND WHAT ELSE?** To cite, or not to cite—in surrounding communities, that's not even a question. The District does not issue street sweeping citations, nor does it receive revenue generated from said citations—that revenue goes to the County of Orange.

Please do not contact the District regarding parking citations. If you call or email the District regarding a citation related matter you will be referred to the Orange County Sheriff's Department and must contact them directly. District staff will not intervene in law enforcement matters nor argue on the violators behalf. Instructions for how to dispute your parking ticket can be found on the back of your citation.

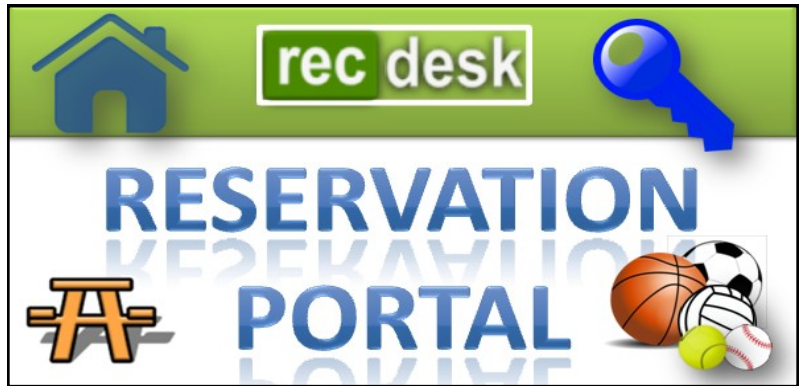


# BONUS E-CONTENT



The New Shade Canopy has been installed at the Rush Park Tot Lot.

The upgraded site, installed by Aquanet, Inc. is now ADA Compliant and ties in with the existing park aesthetics.



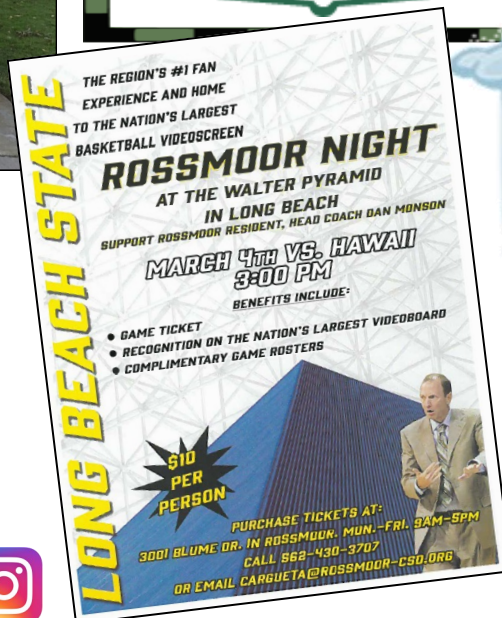
For information on park and facility rentals and picnic reservations, click on the [RecDesk reservation portal](#).

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



JULIUS KANASI'S FAMILY SHARES A HOLIDAY MOMENT WITH THEIR DEARLY DEPARTED LOVED ONE ON A MEMORIAL BENCH INSTALLED FOR HIM AT RUSH PARK. JULIUS JOINS IN THE PHOTO OP BY WAY OF A CELL PHONE DISPLAY (CENTER).  
(courtesy photo)



Heavy rains, combined with strong winds, may cause dangerous conditions in drought-stressed trees. Therefore, parking under large, mature trees is not recommended during the expected storms.

