



Rossmoor Welcomes New GM



Tree City USA has turned over a brand new leaf. At its adjourned regular meeting of November 20, 2013, the Rossmoor Community Services District Board of Directors unanimously chose to appoint [Mr. James D. Ruth](#) as the District's new General Manager. James Ruth—or “Jim,” as he likes to be called—was selected after a comprehensive recruitment and examination of qualified candidates. Jim began work bright and early Monday morning, December 2, 2013. He

has already tackled the Rush Park Tot Lot demolition project, the [I-405 Toll Road issue](#), the Rossmoor Signature Wall repair project, the December Board Meeting agenda and that was just his first day! When you meet Jim Ruth, his energy is infectious and his warmth and friendly disposition permeate any space he inhabits. His unassuming demeanor makes you quickly forget the wealth of experience behind the man. Jim's professional knowledge includes twelve years as City Manager for the City of Anaheim, City Manager of La Habra Heights, two years as CEO of the County of Orange, Director of Parks, Recreation and Beaches for the City of Long Beach, Chief Deputy of Parks and Recreation for Los Angeles County, as well as the cities of Downey, Lynwood and Maywood—his most recently held position as General Manager and Labor Negotiator for the Orange County Sanitation District. Jim's passion for people and the community is evident in the way he makes each one feel as if they are the only person in the room. That kind of leadership motivates and inspires people to do great things. If you would like to meet Jim, you are invited to join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. during our regularly scheduled Board Meetings [or watch them](#) 24/7 on YouTube. You are also encouraged to participate in the monthly RHA Board Meetings which are held every third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rossmoor Park Community Center. Get involved in your local governance.

—LD

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BOARD MEETINGS

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



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PURE GENIUS



“Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren’t used to an environment where excellence is expected.”

-Steve Jobs-



EXECUTIVE MATTERS

I’d like to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Directors, staff and the community for the confidence and support you have given me in my role as your new General Manager. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead as we collectively work toward maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for our residents. 2014 will be a very active year as we continue to focus on maintaining high standards of maintenance for our tree program and our public facilities while accommodating the increasing demand for use of our facilities. As we enter the second half of this fiscal year, the District is in a solid fiscal position thanks to the strong leadership and guidance of our Board and the vigilance of our dedicated staff. I look forward to getting more involved with the community and wish you all a very healthy and prosperous new year.

—JDR

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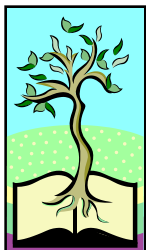
BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

At its January 14, 2014 regular meeting, the Rossmoor Community Services District 2013 State of the District Address was presented by the Board President. The District also held its annual Election of Officers for the Board of Directors and Public Improvements Financing Corporation. If you would like to view the election results, read the [2013 State of the District](#) Address and the [press release](#) please visit our website.

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THANK YOU NOTES...



RCSD’s second annual Holiday Toy and Gift Drive was a huge success. Many thanks to the Orange County Sheriffs Department and the Rossmoor Homeowners Association for another successful partnership this year. Special thanks to all of the Rossmoor residents who donated toys and gifts to local children and seniors at our Rush Park Drop Off Location. Your generosity helped us surpass last year’s donations.

Thank you to volunteer [Don Broun](#) for donating his wisdom and expertise each month to the sound and lighting setup for our monthly televised board meetings. Doug Wood and his camera crew film the monthly meetings for broadcasting on LATV-3 and volunteer Larry Strawther uploads the video to his YouTube Channel CSMP-TV. These dedicated individuals make it possible for citizens who cannot attend the meetings to stay informed on matters of local governance.



TECH TALK

Over six months have passed since the implementation of the District's [Paperless Agenda Program](#) and it has been a great success. RCSD Board and Staff are using the iPad and Apple's Dropbox App to share and access agendas, email, video and a wide range of media. As a result, several other Special Districts have been inspired to go paperless as well.

In April 2014 Microsoft Corporation will discontinue its support of the Windows XP Operating System and security patches will no longer be released. In order to protect the District server and computer files from harmful computer viruses and malware attacks, the District will be migrating from Windows XP to Windows 7. If you have Windows XP installed on your home computer, be advised that the April 2014 deadline is fast approaching. Please be proactive. Backup your files and upgrade your Operating system. Check with your computer manufacturer and see if it makes sense to upgrade your existing computer or if you should replace it instead. Many local electronics retailers, such as Staples, Fry's Electronics and Best Buy have technicians who can perform software upgrades at a minimal cost. —LD



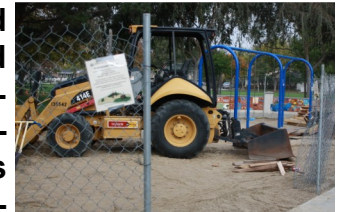
Quarterly Quote...

"The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create it."

-Peter Drucker-

REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

- **Rush Park Tot Lot:** Renovations began early December 2013 and were completed December 30, 2013. Demolition crews removed old playground equipment from Rush Park and replaced it with new playground equipment which is both ADA and playground safety compliant. The new play surface is 50/50-Sand/Pour-in-Place. The excess sand was removed and relocated to Rossmoor Park. The new structures include areas designed for children ranging from ages 12 months to 12 years, so there is fun to be had by everyone! We hope you enjoy the new playground look. Details of the January Grand Re-Opening Ceremony soon to be announced in an upcoming [press release](#) and on our website.
- **Monument Signage:** Installation of Rossmoor signage at the three main corners of the Rossmoor Village Shopping Center is progressing. The Rossmoor sign at Hedwig and Los Alamitos Blvd has been installed, the sign at Wallingsford and Katella Ave is nearing completion and the sign at Katella Ave and Los Alamitos Blvd is in final design.



WE PUT THE BRAKES ON TOLL ROADS!

- Thanks to a proactive Board of Directors and the significant public outcry against OCTA/CalTrans proposal to add toll roads to the I-405 freeway, OCTA/CalTrans voted against the option 11-4. However, we must remain vigilant! Stay informed by attending Orange County Transit Authority meetings, sign up for project update emails and get up to the minute information via [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For more information visit the [OCTA Website](#) or [email](#) Community Outreach Manager Christina Byrne.

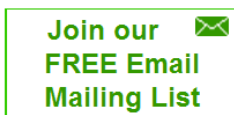
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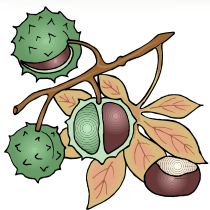


CURRENT BOARD MEETINGS

Are available 24/7 on YouTube Channel **CSMP TV** operated by Larry Strawther



LATV Board Meeting Broadcast Schedule can be found by [clicking on this link](#) to the City of Los Alamitos LATV website page.



Branch Banter

With Mary

Kingman



WINTER TREE TIPS

Even with winter upon us, the mild climate of Southern California allows us to still enjoy the beautiful fall colors on many of our trees. The Liquidambars of Rossmoor are still showing off their brilliant reds and golds and the Chinese Pistaches are full of bright color and red berries. Many of the deciduous trees are already losing their leaves, littering streets and parkways and putting rakes and blowers to work. Although most people chose to dispose of the leaf litter in the trash, an Earth-friendly alternative to consider is mixing the leaves into a compost pile or bin with green kitchen waste. Even just a leaf pile in a back corner or side yard will break down fairly quickly with regular turning over and provides a great mulch for your garden.

With the holidays come the festive hanging of outdoor lights and decorations. Please remember that it is against RCSD policy to nail or staple anything to the parkway trees since puncturing the bark of a tree can have an affect on its health. Also, wrapping foil around trees can cause moisture to become trapped against the trunk, leading to rot or fungal diseases.

We also want to remind residents that it is illegal for to prune or remove the parkways trees in Rossmoor. Please help the District to maintain this policy by informing new neighbors of it and reporting any violations to RSCD. Residents that feel a parkway tree needs pruning or care can contact [RCSD Tree Consultant](#), Mary Kingman, for an evaluation. With the community's help, our beautiful urban forest can continue to thrive and insure Rossmoor's status as a Tree City U.S.A.

—MK

