

Los Cocos

Community Newsletter

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From our HOA President

Welcome to the New Year!

Socializing with our neighbors is an important part of the Los Cocos community. Our social committee has done a great job planning events for the community. They have planned more events throughout the year, especially in the summer, now that we have a greater number of full-time residents. It was nice to have summer social activities to attend when the temperatures is over 100F and no one leaves their home for 4 months. If you have not been, these events are a great opportunity to connect with your neighbors. We encourage all our homeowners and renters to come to the events.

We are blessed to have such beautiful weather…the majority of the time. The new plantings have taken hold and are now flowering. The property is looking great with all the green grass, the flowers blooming and flowering plants. We did have a lot more rain this year, than in past years. According to the Desert Sun, we have had 7.11" of rain so far in 2023. A normal year might see up to 4.6" of rain. With the new planting areas and the rain, it definitely has had an impact on all the new growth and we have been fortunate see reduced water usage.

Have you met our new homeowners! In 2023, we had 7 (hope I did not miss anyone) new homeowners/renters who have joined the Los Cocos community. Hopefully, you have had an opportunity to meet some of them: Jorge Hootnik, Israel Sanchez, Jeannie Borden, David Burnett, Paul Leite, Scott Kort and Leslie Cohen. Unfortunately, we have also lost a member of our community at the end of last year: Michael Merrill. He will be missed.

There is constant maintenance that happens arounds the community. One area where we have struggled is with our pools. This past year and especially the last 3 months of 2023, there have been many electrical and equipment failures with our pools. Much of the equipment is at or reaching its life expectancy and we have had to replace many pieces of the pool equipment. We know this has caused some inconveniences to our homeowners, but we are repairing the equipment as fast as possible. Also, as you know, we have had to close the south pool due to structural issues with the pool equipment area and the equipment pit below. The area and the pit below are 50 years old and have seen structural deterioration. There will be a need for repairs to the pool equipment area at each of the pools. The board is working on this now and it will be a project in 2024.

One final note. The Los Cocos Annual meeting is to be held on Saturday, February

10, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Clubhouse. Please plan to attend as there is always lots of information provided to the community.

I wish the best to each of you in the New year!

Sean

Los Cocos HOA
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday January 22, 2024
at 2:00 pm.

To be held in the
Los Cocos Clubhouse

Reminder, effective January 1, 2024 the monthly HOA dues have increased to $700.00 per month. Please remember to adjust your payment method.
Should you have questions, please contact PPM at 760 325-9500.

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test
Tuesday, January 2nd
The Rancho Mirage Emergency Radio test will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Don Underhill with questions. Thank you to Karl Schmidt for managing Radio 1 and Don Underhill for managing Radio No 2.

Emergency Preparedness News

Happy New Year to all in the Los Cocos Community! And to those returning to their winter home, welcome back. For 2024, my chosen word is **Revival**! It encapsulates the essence of infusing new life, inspiration, and hope into every day, signifying a deliberate pause to claim new seasons. This season it is our hope to be able to bring in presenters from the area to help us understand how to create a safe and healthy home.

On Thursday January 18th at 2:00 PM We will host a presentation from Kyle Albenesius, – Community Service Officer Rancho Mirage Sheriff Crime Prevention. We asked him to come to our clubhouse to present a program about home safety. He will also be able to answer your questions after the presentation.

Considering keeping your home safe, this would be a good time to look at your fire extinguishers. Homeowners should be checking the home fire extinguisher(s) at least once per year for part time residents and every 6 months for full time residents,

To inspect a fire extinguisher, follow these steps:

- Ensure the fire extinguisher is in its proper place. If you find it outside of where it should normally stay, return it to the designated area.
- Verify the fire extinguisher is easily accessible.
- Check the pressure gauge to make sure it reads in the green range.
- Make sure the fire extinguisher is full. This can be verified by lifting the unit or weighing it.
- Check for any wear or damage on the fire extinguisher, such as on the hose, nozzle, discharge handle or pressure gauge.
- For non-rechargeable fire extinguishers, press the green button on the push-to-test pressure indicator. If the unit is sufficiently pressurized, the button will pop back up immediately.

Maintain a record of each inspection. This is typically accomplished with a dated label attached to the fire extinguisher. If you feel that your fire extinguisher should be replaced,

they are easily found at the nearest Home Depot, Lowes, or Ace Hardware and remember old fire extinguishers are considered hazardous waste. Not all items can be collected with your normal trash pickup. Please contact your local Burrtec customer service department (760) 340-2113 for more information regarding the collection or drop off of household hazardous waste materials.

Landscaping News

Happy New Year! Here's to a better year filled with good health and the hope of peace in the world!

As we start a new year and look back at the last year in our beautiful community, we have much to be thankful for! What a beautiful environment we are able to enjoy! Through the committee's vision and hard work, our homes are in a lush and esthetically pleasing setting. We are fortunate. The maintaining of our property takes all of us: reporting problems with sprinklers, dry spots in the lawn, trees that look ill, running water or puddles, and picking up trash if you see it. WE are the THEY in our community who keep us looking great. The

Landscape Committee welcomes new members who are willing to be out and about being the eyes that see the good and the needed. Just looking around your property is a great help! Please consider joining us and being a part of the landscape team. No prior experience in botany required.

The Landscape Committee
Cynthia McKewan

The Neighborhood

The object of the Wine O'clock flag is to promote fun, and friendship throughout Los Cocos. When you see this flag hanging on a neighbor's front gate, it indicates that a cocktail party will be held that evening at that residence.



Please ask Rit to give you the flag if you wish to have a cocktail party at your house.

Fred Golden has passed away. Although Fred has not lived at Los Cocos for awhile he was known to many during his long time residency. Per his wishes there will be no memorial celebration.

Mike Merrill died on Dec. 27. Mike lived at Los Cocos for a long time and will be missed. At this time there is no news of a celebration.

New Year's Eve Party



















