

Los Cocos

Homeowners Association

April 2026

Community Newsletter

Board of Directors
President: John Finkler
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From our HOA President

Dear Homeowners,
Spring has arrived, though it certainly feels more like summer already! Please keep in mind that our plants, trees, and winter rye grass are adjusting to these unexpected high temperatures the same as we are.

I hope you've all enjoyed the beautiful winter we've experienced here in the desert. Meanwhile, I've been receiving photos of our apartment in Petoskey, Michigan—showing snowdrifts up to 14 feet high and piles of snow everywhere. It looks like we might not even be able to get through the front door! Hopefully, any friends or family you have back east are safe and managing well in those conditions. I've shared a few photos of Los Cocos with friends and family in the Midwest, and they're more than a little envious.

There's quite a bit happening around the community right now, including:

- Updates to the North Pool equipment area
- Replacement of the clubhouse pool filter motor
- CVWD plastic pipe replacement
- ADA ramp installation
- Preparations for the upcoming street slurry project

Please take extra care while navigating the complex, observe posted speed limits, and be mindful of crews and equipment working throughout the area.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the board-sponsored BBQ on Saturday, April 25th. Rod will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Come out and enjoy the day with your neighbors. Let's hope for more typical temperatures so we can make the most of a great day outdoors. Judy Chown will be contacting you for an R.S.V.P. so we know how much food to buy. The board will be supplying non-alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to bring any other beverage you prefer.

Warm regards,

John E. Finkler
President

Los Cocos HOA
Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2026
at 10:00am.

To be held in the Los Cocos clubhouse and online

Landscaping

Tree Update -
Last month we reported on three large trees that were removed. This month, we received a notice from the City of Rancho Mirage, to trim the trees on DaVall. After further inspection the decision was made to remove four additional Sumac trees. The trees were diseased, leaning towards the street, and had exposed roots. They were also blocking the traffic signs leading up to Frank Sinatra. We have received positive feedback on the new look. We will add additional shrubs where the trees were removed.

We will be adding an additional 8 trees as part of the tree replacement program. These trees will be planted once the temperatures cool down in the coming weeks. They will be placed around the complex in areas where prior trees have been removed.

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test
Tuesday
April 7, 2026
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.

The link below is for the monthly emergency radio test. You can click on it for more details on the program.
Rancho Mirage Disaster Radio System (ranchomirageca.gov)



A Friendly Reminder About Feeding the Ducks

We know the ducks are adorable. They waddle. They quack. They look like they belong in a charming storybook scene. Unfortunately, when they discover a free buffet in our community, they also decide to move in… permanently.

While it may feel kind to toss them a snack, feeding the ducks encourages them to stay—and when ducks stay, they leave behind quite a bit of "evidence" of their visit. That means duck droppings on walkways, patios, and yes… sometimes even in our pools.

Our maintenance team works hard to keep the community clean and the pools enjoyable for everyone, but feeding the ducks makes that job much harder and creates an inconvenience for your neighbors.

So as tempting as it may be to play Duck Host of the Year, please resist the urge to feed them. The best way to keep our community clean, safe, and pleasant for everyone is to let the ducks find their meals elsewhere.

In short: Love the ducks… just don't feed them.

Thank you for helping keep our community looking its best!

— Your HOA Board

News from Emergency Preparedness

A Rise in Trips & Falls: How Cell Phones Are Playing a Bigger Role

Across many communities, including ours—there's been a noticeable increase in trips and falls, and one surprisingly common factor keeps showing up: cell phone distraction. As convenient as our phones are, looking down at a screen while walking can significantly reduce awareness of curbs, uneven pavement, steps, and obstacles. Even a moment of distraction can lead to preventable injury.

Why Cell Phones Increase Fall Risk

When we look at our phones while walking, our attention shifts away from our surroundings. This can cause:

- *Missed changes in elevation*
- *Slower reaction times*
- *Reduced peripheral vision*
- *Difficulty maintaining balance*

These small lapses add up, especially in areas with landscaping edges, driveways, or rock edging like those in and around LOS COCOS.

Keep Your Phone Secure—Especially in Public

Along with safety concerns, there's another issue worth noting: cell phone theft. Fast-casual dining spots and cafés are common places where phones left on tables are quickly taken. Thieves often look for easy targets—an unattended phone is one of the easiest.

To protect yourself:

- *Keep your phone in a pocket, bag, or securely in hand.*
- *Avoid placing it on tables, especially in busy or fast-moving dining environments.*
- *Stay aware of your surroundings when using your phone in public spaces.*

A Simple Reminder for a Safer Community

By staying alert and keeping phones tucked away while walking—or dining out—we can reduce accidents and protect our belongings. A little awareness goes a long way in keeping LOS COCOS a safe and enjoyable place to live.

News from the Social Committee



Thurs. April 23, 2026

Meet at the Clubhouse

RSVP to Julie Battista

310-357-1276

julieebattista53@aol.com



This is a very special event put on for you by your Board of Directors. Please BYOB if you wish to partake of an alcoholic beverage. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Ladies March luncheon
held at D's Coffee Bouteaque



News from the neighborhood

1st Place Fair Winner



Rit Coletta baked his way to 1st place at the February Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival.

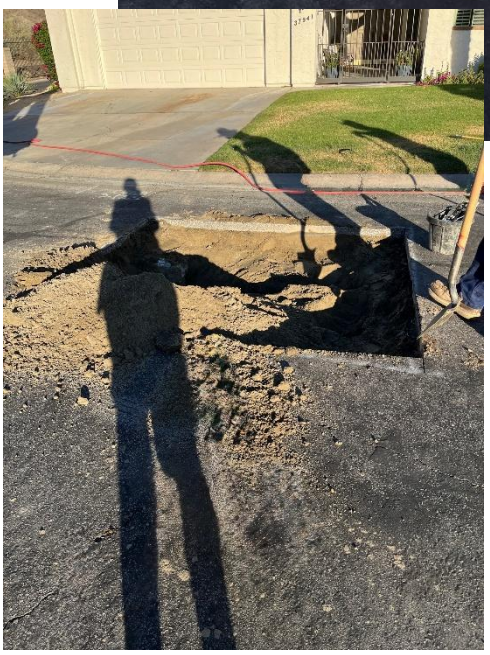
Rit won first place for his lemon custard pie. For those of you who have not participated in the swimming class recently, we all gained five pounds just testing Rit's many versions of his lemon custard pie.

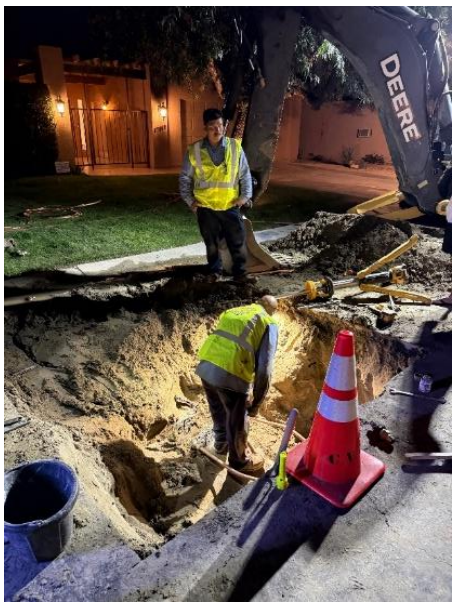
April 2026: Signature Events & Seasonal Highlights near Los Cocos

April is the crown jewel of the Greater Palm Springs calendar, with two internationally renowned music festivals—Coachella and Stagecoach—drawing visitors from around the globe. But that's just the beginning. The month is also packed with art fairs, family programs, outdoor markets, and neighborhood events that make spring break in the desert truly special.

Los Cocos is under construction!

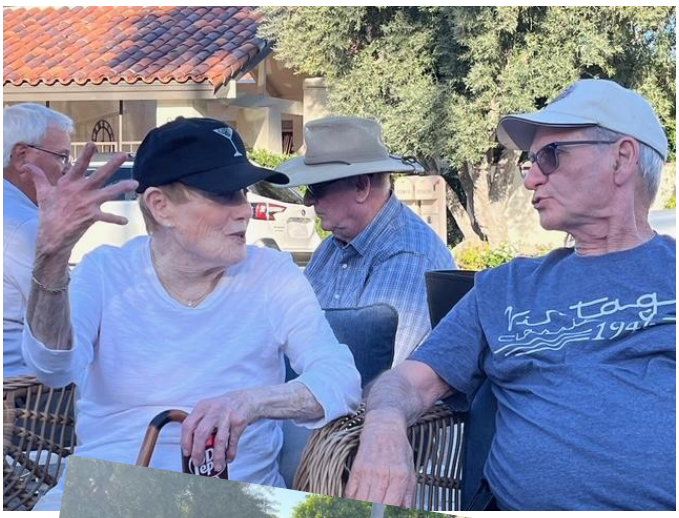






Coachella Valley Water District has visited Los Cocos multiple times this month to repair breaks in the water main and replace old pipes.

1st ever parking lot party was a huge success











St.Patrick's Day at Los Cocos



Many thanks to our Entertainment Committee.











We had just over 70 people attend our first ever outdoor parking lot party. It was a big hit, complete with a birthday cake. A big thank you to Rod and Tau for putting together this great event.






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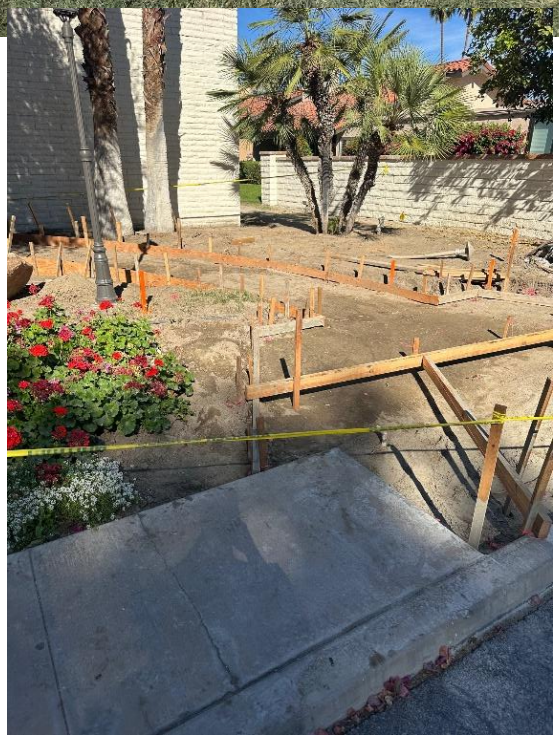




Our Los Cocos Crane sighting

More construction in progress The Pool pit is filled in with cement, and the Clubhouse ramp construction has begun.







Drywell work has been completed

DIRECTORY CORRECTION/UPDATE

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Please add these phone numbers to your 2026-2027 Directory