



Community Newsletter

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The jewel of Rancho Mirage since 1973

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Musings from Sean **Our HOA President**

The Los Cocos Recycling Program is officially back! We want to thank Rit Coletta and helper Steve Chown for taking on this task again. The program will start on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

The recycling bins are now located in the clubhouse at the rear of the workout room.

Please do not leave any items in front of the kitchen area or any other area in the clubhouse.

To remind everyone, this program is a volunteer program (Rit and Steve) where homeowners can leave items in separate bins at the clubhouse. Rit and Steve take them to specific recycling centers as needed.

Here are some guidelines (from Rit) for this program:

- Separate your items. Place items in designated bins. Do not mix items or place different items in one bag. Only household batteries, NO car or machine batteries.
- Any size tv, flat screen, computer is acceptable. All phones and remotes.
- All computer printers, ink jet or laser plus ink cartridges are acceptable.

- Small appliances must be "smart" i.e. they must have a microchip.
- Appliances such as toasters, crockpots, vacuum cleaners must have a microchip i.e. they are programmable. If they only have on/off buttons please put them out with your trash. In the case of crockpots we recycle only the metal exterior with the chip. Keep the ceramic pot and use as a planter.
- Light bulbs must be whole. NO cracked or broken bulbs. Cracked bulbs are put in the trash.
- Medicines: pills and tablets only. NO needles, syringes, razor blades. NO liquids.

In addition, we are being told that in the fall of 2022, Rancho Mirage residents will be moving to a three-cart trash and recycling system. The new system will consist of a trash bin, recycling bin (Blue) and an organic waste bin (Green). For more details on the program, head over to the Rancho Mirage city website.

Sean Chuckas
HOA President



Los Cocos
HOA Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, October 25th

**Approved minutes and meeting agendas are posted
in the homeowner's section of the Los Cocos
website**

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Landscape Committee News

Happy Fall! Now if we could just get the temperatures to cool so it doesn't feel like summer, it would be perfect.

I am happy to report we are making great progress on our three major landscape projects. We expect completion of the irrigation system rewire, Ficus hedge on inside of Da Vall wall, and the turf abatement project by the end of October. Thanks to all of our full-time residents for their patience.

We are asking all homeowners to keep an eye out for stressed trees and plants. Since we are amending the irrigation between the homes, and in the newly created drought resistant areas, we might experience some hiccups. We are anticipating some modifications may need to be made. Please keep an eye out and report anything unusual.

I will be sending out a significant update on our water situation later this week. We will be sharing some very important information that you won't want to miss. Please look for an email from Judy Chown.

Best Regards,

Rod Jacobus
Landscape Committee Chair

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test Tues, October 3rd

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 No 1 and to Don Underhill for managing Radio No 2.

Los Cocos Emergency Preparedness

Everyone has emergencies on their minds. Our emergency will be a potential earthquake. Los Cocos participates in a monthly emergency radio test. Have you ever attended, and do you know how the radios work? Do you have your emergency earthquake kit ready? Do you have a CURRENT family emergency exit plan? The plan is unique to each resident. Your plan should include the following:

Do you have an AM/FM emergency radio? Remember to have a fresh supply of batteries on hand near the radio. **Note: Solar radios use NO batteries.**

- Where to go if your unit is severely damaged in an earthquake or other emergency. Answer: The clubhouse first, and the tennis/pickleball court if the clubhouse is damaged.
- Where to meet your family members in the event of an earthquake? Choose at least two places, one close by and one farther away.
- Have all family members memorize the telephone number of a relative living outside of your area. Have everyone call the same relative and indicate their status. The designated person can then relay messages to your family.

Los Cocos Events and Activities

__ LOOKING AHEAD __ **LOS COCOS ANNUAL** **"MEET AND GREET"**

Saturday, November 12, 2022

5:30 pm at the Clubhouse

Organized by the Entertainment Committee

After a year's hiatus, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are bringing back our popular community gathering.

This Los Cocos activity is organized by the entertainment committee and has become a much-anticipated annual event where you greet your neighbors and welcome back old friends.

Please BYOB and a dish to share.

Plates and utensils are provided.



Ladies of Los Cocos Luncheon Friday, October 21st

We will meet at the Clubhouse, at 11:30 am
To carpool to the restaurant

Walking Group

Los Cocos has two daily walking groups. If you would like to join either of the *"Take a walk in the morning groups"* for a few minutes or up to an hour, please plan to meet your neighbors at the clubhouse at 7 am. if you wish to walk the wash or mountains, or at 8 am if you wish to "walk the loop". Everyone is invited and will be encouraged to "exercise while talking!" Both are fun groups, and we hope you will join one of them! Remember walking is the fountain of youth.



BIG Question?
Will Ollie and Honey Trick or Treat this year?

Water Aerobics



Water aerobics with Donna is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week at 10 AM at the Clubhouse pool. Cost: \$5 for one hour class.

Around the Neighborhood

Your Los Cocos reserve funds at work.

New professional treadmill at the Clubhouse



No excuses now-get your groove on!

The Los Cocos tile underlayment roofing project continues. 37703 West and 37673 are completed.



This and That

Family weddings mean we dress up and smile.



Sandy and Craig Dickson family at a family wedding



Betty Phillips, daughter, and granddaughter's wedding

Please Welcome
our newest neighbors

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Please add this information
to your Los Cocos Directory

NEW RESIDENTS

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO ENTER THE OWNERS
SECTION OF THE WEBSITE ???



It's where all of the
best information
is located.

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In Memorium

Los Cocos community has lost three wonderful neighbors



JIM HISHMEH

The Board has been informed of the death of our dear friend and neighbor Jim Hishmeh, after a brief illness. Jim and his wife Pat are long time Los Cocos neighbors. You most likely have talked with Jim at the Clubhouse pool, where he and Pat resided almost every day, usually swimming with several of their large extended family of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who were visiting with them. Jim was a great cook and brought his famous chicken wings to many of our potlucks. Please keep Pat and the entire Hishmeh family in your prayers.



Fran O'Connell

Fran lived at Los Cocos for many years, first with Josanne Lovick, and then renting near the Tennis courts. Fran could be seen multiple times each day walking her favorite dog, Tuxedo. Fran was a friend to everyone she met, and she will be greatly missed.



Phil Bold

The Board has learned of the sudden death of our wonderful neighbor, Phil Bold, who sold their Los Cocos house and moved a few weeks ago to Argentina with his husband Bill Perry. Thank you to Rit Coletta for this wonderful picture on the day they moved. Phil and Bill have lived at Los Cocos for over a decade, and have always been active in the community, serving as Librarians until this past winter. When Bill volunteered he stated that as retired school Principals, they did know how to alphabetize. They immediately got the job! Phil's laughter, as well as his incredible dinner parties, will be terribly missed. Please keep Bill and their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



Queen Elizabeth II of England dies at Balmoral, Scotland after her 70-year reign.

The Desert Sun newspaper included a memory of her visit to Sunnylands in the Coachella Valley. 1926-2022

ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA MARY WINDSOR 1926-2022



Queen Elizabeth II took over a nation still rebuilding from World War II. During her lengthy reign, Britain had 15 prime ministers, including Winston Churchill, her first. EDDIE MULHOLLAND/WPA POOL/GETTY IMAGES

World mourns Queen Elizabeth II

Beloved monarch – a fixture for 7 decades – dies at 96, surrounded by her family. Charles ascends to throne.



Since Feb. 6, 1952, Queen Elizabeth II reigned over Britain.

AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

Maria Puente and Jeff Stinson USA TODAY

The seven-decade reign of Queen Elizabeth II, the only monarch most of her subjects have ever known, is over. Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor died Thursday at Balmoral Castle, her estate in Scotland. She was 96.

The palace issued a black-bordered statement about 6:30 p.m. local time. "The Queen died peacefully at Balmoral this afternoon. The King and The Queen Consort will remain at Balmoral this evening and will return to London tomorrow."

Her eldest son and heir, Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, 73, immediately became king upon her death. His wife became Queen Consort Camilla.

It was announced Thursday he would be known as King Charles III.

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"She will be remembered for keeping the British monarchy going through the 20th and into the 21st century – and for leaving it in better shape. She was imbued with a great sense of duty and responsibility. In the long run, that would be a strength and her charm."

Robert Lacey
British historian and biographer

When the queen came to Sunnylands: Royal couple's Calif. tour included desert

Ema Sasic Palm Springs Desert Sun | USA TODAY NETWORK

When Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip stopped by the Sunnylands estate in 1983, an unfamiliar setting greeted them in the desert: a rainy day.

"It looks like I brought the British climate to California," the queen, then 56, quipped during a tour of the grounds.

The world mourned the loss of Britain's longest-reigning monarch on Thursday after she died at the age of 96. Elizabeth served 70 years on the throne.

The queen's visit to Sunnylands, the winter estate of the late Walter and Leonore Annenberg, on Feb. 27, 1983, was one of the rare occasions that the royal couple visited a private home, according to Sunnylands.

Walter Annenberg served as Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, Great Britain, from 1969 to 1974.

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Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip make a day visit to Sunnylands in February 1983.

COURTESY OF ANNENBERG RETREAT AT SUNNYLANDS

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