



Spring Snow



Community Newsletter

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From our HOA President

It is amazing how fast the 2022/2023 season has gone. It feels like many of our neighbors and friends just arrived and they are now packing up to leave. The month of May seems to signal the end of the season for so many people around the valley. It is not quite over for all of us. Our number of full-time residents continues to grow each year. This is very exciting for the community. I remember a few short years ago, the Los Cocos community shifted into summer mode with a small number of our residents staying around for the entire year. Now we are well over 50% full-time residents. Many of us will need to escape the summer heat and head out of town for some relief. Others will stay around for the entire summer. Unfortunately, the warmer temperatures arrived a little earlier than many of us would have hoped.

Before everyone departs, I want to thank the board, the committees, and those individuals that volunteer their time to this community. We could not do it without any of you and it is much appreciated. I would like to thank the Social Committee for organizing the Bon Voyage Party. It was well attended and great to be able to get together with our neighbors and friends

and wish those leaving a safe trip. We were able to share.

great food and laughter that night. Let's hope for a quick summer for those remaining. While you're gone, the rest of us will need to figure out how to have some social events during the summer while trying to stay cool. The next one on the schedule is Cinco De Mayo.

We wish all of you a safe journey no matter where you are heading. We will miss you and look forward to your safe return. Please send Sharin Orr some photos from your adventures from around the world.

Sean Chuckas
President, Los Cocos HOA

Emergency Preparedness news

The Desert has many great things to offer to all of us and living here can be a real joy. However, we should all try to be aware of the potential for risks. Near the San Andreas fault is a reminder of the potential for earthquakes. We have also seen some very startling weather events in the past few months. Starting with Haboob, a wind with a huge cloud of dust. Then Winter brought us unique rain and snowfall and nearby people buried in snow as deep as the height of their homes. Some others nearby had floods and road closures.

Many of us were safe here in the desert and we got a reminder that could change quickly as we felt a small earthquake shortly after 6:00 PM on March 31st. This was Near to Temecula about 3 miles from the Palomar Observatory.

Time is a reminder to us all that now to prepare. Under bed bags are a good start.

“Under-Bed Bags” are just in case of earthquakes, especially when people are sleeping. Items that you leave next to your bed (including shoes and glasses) will be scattered during earthquakes and possibly covered with fallen items or under your bed. Shoes may also be filled with broken glass. So, it’s a good idea to have these items within a closed bag, attached to each bed:

Essential:

- Shoes
- Glasses/contacts
- Flashlight/headlamp
- Dust mask
- Whistle

Optional:

- Clothing
- Hard Hat / helmet
- Gloves
- Crowbar
- First Aid Kit

Also, in the event of the need to use your Automobile as back up for AC in the desert heat try to consider keeping your tank Half filled. In the event of power failure your Auto can also charge your cellphone.

There are also many resources online to review and they are very helpful. Check out

[CVDPN – COACHELLA VALLEY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS NETWORK](#)

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test

Tues, April 4th

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

Landscape Committee news

The Landscape Committee would like to remind homeowners that the proper method to communicate a landscape maintenance issue or problem is to contact PPM via Heidi Grasi at HGrasl@ppminternet.com. If it is the weekend or during the week, after 4:30pm, please call PPM at (760) 325-9500. PPM has after hour and weekend emergency services to help you.

The reason for contacting PPM is that they are a central place that ensures that the proper vendor is contacted as quickly as possible. They also track the issue and ensure that the problem gets resolved. In addition, sending emails to a committee member or leaving a voice message on their phone may not get an immediate response. Especially if the committee member is out of town or unavailable for a period.

We are still requesting that homeowners use the red flags (located at each pool) to identify the location of the issue. This will make it easier for the vendor to locate the problem.

Thank you.
Landscape Committee

NEWS from the SOCIAL COMMITTEE



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



Ladies of Los Cocos Luncheon
Thursday, May 25
9 & 1/2 Bar & Kitchen
Desert Island Country Club

The luncheon is at Noon.
Please meet at the Clubhouse at 11:30 to carpool

Architectural and Landscaping Modifications

It is evident that over the course of time, some owners have made modifications (large and small) to make their units "their own" regarding aesthetics.

If you wish to make a change to the outside of your unit, **PLEASE DO NOT make a house modification or alter the landscaping because you see something similar on the property.** You must submit an Architectural Modification Form to PPM for any alteration **to your home.**

Most residents have sought approval through the correct process, and we thank you. It is also clear that there are certain instances where changes may have occurred without an authorized approval process.



Around the Neighborhood

Used furniture and other items

PLEASE DO NOT bring used furniture or any large items to the clubhouse.

The items that can be recycled are listed on the bins in the workout room.

If you have furniture or items that you wish to dispose of, call Burrtec 760 3402113 and they will pick up your items for free.



Ladies luncheon at Si Bons



The Board had recently learned of the passing of our former neighbor Hope Watson. Hope and her husband Ed were long time active members of the Los Cocos community and Ed served several times on the HOA board. Hope was very active with the women's activities. Please keep the Watson family in your thoughts.



**Los Cocos HOA
Board of Directors Mtg.**

Monday, May22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**To be held in the
Los Cocos Clubhouse**



Photos from the Bon Voyage Party