



Community Newsletter

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President: Sean Chuckas
Vice President: Karl Schmidt
CFO: Don Underhill
Secretary: Sharin Orr
Member at Large: Todd Ferrell

and let them know how you would like to participate. There is a nomination form located on the Los Cocos Website.

Sean Chuckas
Los Cocos HOA President

From our HOA President

I would like to welcome Dana Pirnie Carroll as our newest volunteer to the Landscape Committee.

Volunteering is an important part of the success of Los Cocos. As I mentioned in the 2023 annual meeting, we have 5 board members who are volunteering their time, knowledge and energy to run the community and keep the HOA on a sound financial footing while improving the quality of life throughout the community. This is an everyday challenge as costs continue to increase, equipment is aging and our infrastructure is 40 plus years old.

In addition, I want to thank those individuals who are volunteering to be on different committees: Architectural, Landscape and Finance; and the numerous individuals who volunteer their time to support the pools, lighting, recycling, social events, emergency radios, communication, insurance, roofs, library, websites, welcoming of new homeowners to our community and doing light maintenance around the property. So, as you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to keep Los Cocos running and looking its best. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to one of the Board members

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.

Emergency Radio

Here in Los Cocos we have 2 emergency radios. One With Karl Schmidt and a second with Don Underhill. During a major disaster such as an earthquake, most experts predict no landline or cell phone would be working leaving radio communications as one way for the City and first responders to directly communicate with its residents about medical emergencies and damage assessment and rescue. During an actual event, we would call in on the radio to communicate critical information to the city about the status of our community (e.g. 2 injured, 3 houses collapsed, etc.). The information will be collected by Rancho Mirage and resources will be deployed to help you when available.

Community Preparedness

As part of being prepared we are hosting a representative from the Coachella Valley Disaster Preparedness Network on March 23, 2023 at 4PM in the Los Cocos Clubhouse. It is our opportunity to learn about ways we can be prepared to recover from an earthquake in our community.

Preparedness in your home

The primary dangers to people result from: being struck by structural components or furnishings, inadequately secured stored materials, burns resulting from building fires resulting from gas leaks or electrical shorts, or exposure to chemicals released from stored or process chemicals. Many of the hazards to persons both during and following an earthquake are predictable and may be reduced through hazard identification, planning, and mitigation.

There are many things you can do to prepare your home before an earthquake occurs:

Pick "safe places". A safe place could be under a sturdy table or desk or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you. The shorter the distance to move to safety, the less likely it is that you will be injured. Injury statistics show that people moving as little as ten feet during an earthquake's shaking are most likely to be injured. Practice drop, cover, and hold-on in each safe place. Drop under a sturdy desk or table and hold on to one leg of the table or desk. Protect your eyes by keeping your head down. Practice these actions so that they become an automatic response.

Practice these safe earthquake procedures (i.e., drop, cover, and hold-on) at least twice a year. Frequent practice will help reinforce safe behavior. When an earthquake or other disaster occurs, many people hesitate, trying to remember what they are supposed to do. Responding quickly and automatically may help protect you from injury.

Landscape Committee news

We are pleased to announce that the Landscape Committee will hold our monthly meetings the second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm in the Clubhouse. The next meeting will be April 11th. All residents of the community are invited to attend. The last item on the agenda every month will be a Homeowner's Forum. This is an opportunity for members of the community to raise issues or ideas to the committee. If you have a vested interest in our grounds and what work we do as a committee, we encourage you to attend.

We are amending the reporting provisions for all issues regarding landscaping to be reported to Heidi Grasl at PPM. In the past, only sprinkler issues were reported to Heidi. We are now asking that if you see something regarding Landscape that needs immediate attention, such as downed tree limbs, broken sprinkler box covers, moles or gophers, etc., that you send to PPM as well.

The committee appreciates your cooperation and looks forward to your attendance at our meetings.

Rod Jacobus
Landscape Committee Chair

What do I need to do to add my name or change my phone number at the main gate? If you need to update your name or phone number at the main gate, contact Heidi Grasl at HGrasl@ppminternet.com or, if necessary, call the PPM office (760) 325-9500 extension 229. The owner of a home must notify Heidi if they want their full-time renter listed.

Los Cocos Directory

The Los Cocos 2023-2024 directory has been placed in your mailbox. For updates/corrections, please send to Sharin Orr

NEWS from the SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Join your neighbors for a Friday happy hour at the Clubhouse.
April 1st 4-7 pm
BYOB and bring an appetizer to share.

Spring Fling and Bon Voyage
Friday, April 21th
6:00 PM
Los Cocos Clubhouse



You are cordially invited to the end of the season Bon Voyage party at the Clubhouse.
BYOB plus a dish to share.



Ladies of Los Cocos Luncheon Friday, April 28th

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.

Guests and use of facilities

There have been some questions about the use of recreational facilities by renters and guests. A small number of our owners use their units as seasonal rentals.

This clarifies questions you may have. Visitors or guests may enjoy all the facilities, pool, spa, tennis/pickleball courts. The rule is that non-resident (living somewhere else) friends or guests of an owner can only use Los Cocos facility if the owner is in residence during the use of the facilities.

Pool Furniture

As you know, we do not have a pool service, so we ask every person who uses the pool to please put the pool furniture back in its original place at the end of your use.

A REMINDER-Towels, Swimsuits

CC & R's Section 6.18

No exterior clotheslines shall be erected or maintained and there shall be no outside drying of towels or laundering of clothes on the property or the balcony, patio, porch, windows, or other areas of any lot in a manner which is visible from any neighboring property or the Common Area.

Pools

As we enjoy another warm, beautiful spring at Los Cocos, we ask for your help in maintaining our beautiful community. Our three pools and spas are wonderful, but their maintenance is one of our largest community expenses. Our pool and spa heater temperatures are regulated by our pool company, which are contracted by your HOA. Residents are reminded that they are not allowed in or around the pool equipment for any reason.

The South pool is set at 86 degrees and the clubhouse pool is set at 88 degrees.

The North pool is not heated during 2023. All three spas are heated.

Please remember that **GLASS items** are not allowed in the pool areas, for safety reasons. **FOOD items in the Clubhouse pool area are allowed ONLY with the permission of the Los Cocos BOD for Los Cocos functions. This has been temporarily allowed during COVID-19 and will be discussed in the future as the Board revises the Rules & Regulations.**

In the event of non-working pool equipment, please contact Heidi Grasl at PPM with a suspected maintenance problem.

Around 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.

Superbowl Party at the Hurvitzs



Los Cocos website information
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Bill Cunningham has spent considerable time maintaining our Los Cocos website, which by the way, is so user friendly and full of information of every sort.

When we have a BOD meeting, the agenda is posted to the website and the approved minutes from the previous BOD meeting are posted. The meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month, at 2 pm at the Los Cocos Clubhouse.

For information on the current or any BOD meeting, go to the Owners section of the Website, scroll down to the bottom and you will find the words BOARD MEETING on the left-hand side. Under that you will find the wording:

**Los Cocos HOA
Board of Directors Mtg.**
Monday, April 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
**To be held in the
Los Cocos Clubhouse**



**Fun at the
St Patrick's Day Party**



The walking warriors visit the wash