

Los Cocos

Homeowners Association

November 2026

Community Newsletter

Board of Directors
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President's Pen

As your Board of Directors, one of the most enjoyable times of the year is seeing our snowbirds return home! Each week, more familiar faces are arriving, and our Los Cocos community is coming back to life. Welcome home! We're happy to have you back and look forward to another wonderful season together.

As we enter the holiday season, we're reminded that what makes Los Cocos special isn't just our beautiful surroundings, but the people who live here. The friendships we share, the neighbors who look out for one another, and the time we spend together are what truly make this community feel like home.

We hope you'll take time to reconnect with old friends, welcome new neighbors, and enjoy all that the season brings.

Our landscaping continues to look great, and we appreciate the work and attention that goes into keeping our community attractive and welcoming. These efforts make a real difference, and we're grateful to everyone who helps maintain the beauty of Los Cocos.

Behind the scenes, our **Social Committee** is working hard to plan upcoming events and activities. We encourage everyone to participate, get involved, and enjoy the opportunities to connect with neighbors. These events are an important part of building the sense of community we all value.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we wish you and your families a warm, happy, and memorable holiday season. We're grateful to be part of this community and look forward to sharing another great season with you at Los Cocos!

John Finkler, President
Your Board of Directors

Los Cocos BOD Meeting
Monday, November 23
10:00 a.m.

Meeting will be held in the Los Cocos clubhouse and online

Landscaping

The landscape committee is pleased to report that we are nearing completion on Phase One of a four-year project.

We have converted 12 front yards to desert scape and installed a three-foot copper canyon rock border curbside on 6 additional homes. These 18 homes are the first to undergo renovation to achieve our combined goals of reduced water usage helping us meet the requirements of the City of Rancho Mirage's wasteful irrigation initiative. As part of the conversion, we have added approximately 75 new plants, shrubs, and cacti. Many of these will add vibrant color to our community. A composite or rock will be placed over the exposed dirt once the weed and grass mitigation is under control.

The current plan is to begin Phase 2 in April of 2027. Next year we will focus on the three-foot setbacks on the largest front yards. We appreciate your patience as we work through this process.

Best Regards,
Rod Jacobus



Social Committee Events



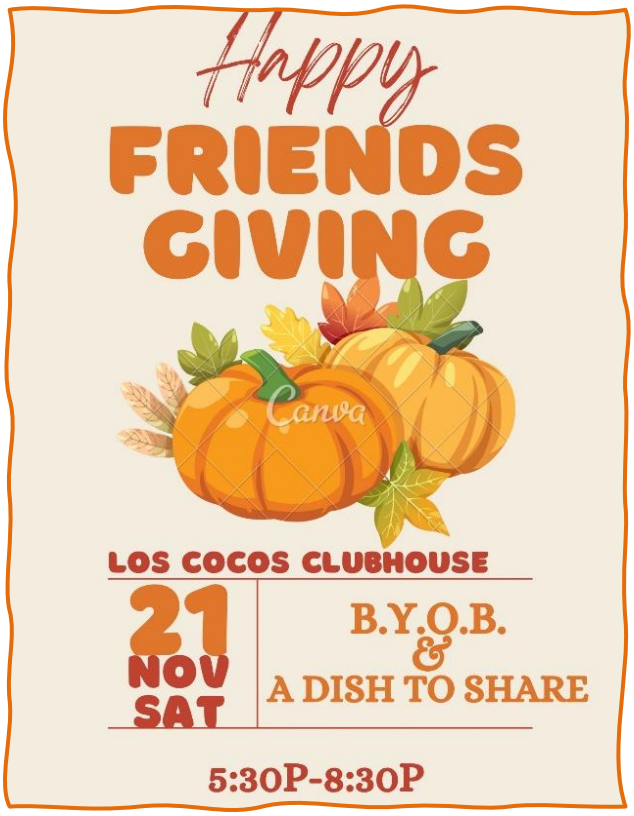
Los Cocos ladies enjoying their October luncheon at Si Bon.

Thursday, November 19, 2026
12:00 noon
RSVP to Julie Battista
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Before the storm. Taken by Bill Hootnick



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Committee Reports

Pool Stewardship

As we prepare for the 2026–27 pool season, we ask everyone to help keep our pools clean, welcoming, and enjoyable.

Pool Heating Schedule

The heating schedule for the 2026–27 season is:

- **Clubhouse Pool:** Heated to **86°F** throughout the heating season.
- **North Pool:** Heated to **84°F during November and December** to help compensate for time lost during construction.
- **South Pool:** Heated to **84°F beginning in January**, as this is its year in the annual rotation.

Seasonal heating will continue until approximately Memorial Day, or until outdoor temperatures keep the pools warm without supplemental heating.

In our most recent survey, **78% of respondents** favored heating the Clubhouse Pool and alternating heating between the South and North Pools annually. Additionally, **69% supported not heating all three pools**.

Caring for Our Pools

Please help care for our shared pool areas:

- **Do not feed the ducks.** They create cleanliness and maintenance problems for the pools.
- **Take everything you bring with you when you leave,** including personal belongings and trash.
- **Return pool furniture to where you found it.**

The pools are cleaned on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**. The landscape crew also washes the pool decks **every Friday**. If an issue arises between scheduled cleanings, we appreciate your patience.

The Pool Committee will remove some of the less attractive furniture and temporarily store it, covered, near the shed. The committee will then arrange the remaining furniture to ensure each pool is adequately furnished.

Thank you for helping care for our community's pools.

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
The Rancho Mirage Emergency Radio test will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Karl Schmidt for managing Radio No. 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)

Are You Ready for the Next Power Outage?

The power outage that affected Rancho Mirage on June 10, 2026, reminded us that even brief interruptions can disrupt our daily lives. Air conditioning, internet service, refrigeration, medical devices, garage doors, security systems, and phone charging all depend on reliable electricity. While no homeowner can prevent an outage, several practical steps can help you prepare. [sce.com]

Power outages are an inconvenience, but they do not have to become an emergency. Whether your solution is a simple battery-powered backup unit or a fully automated whole-home system, planning can make future outages much easier to manage.

The June 10 outage reminded us that preparation provides peace of mind. As a community, Los Cocos residents can benefit from understanding the available options and selecting the level of protection that best fits their home's needs and budget.

Below are some suggestions and resources to consider for your home.

Backup Power Options for Homeowners

Today's homeowners have more choices than ever for backup power. The right solution depends on your budget, lifestyle, and how much of your home you want to power during an outage.

Option 1:
Portable Power Stations

Estimated Cost: $300 to $3,000+
Portable battery stations have become increasingly popular. These units are silent, emission-free, and can be used indoors. They can power:

- Cell phones and tablets
- Internet routers
- Televisions
- Small appliances
- Medical devices
- Refrigerators (depending on capacity)

Many models can be recharged from a wall outlet, vehicle, or solar panels. They are an excellent choice for residents seeking a simple, low-maintenance emergency power solution. [backuppowerhub.com], [solartechonline.com]
Best for: Short outages and essential electronics.

Option 2:
Home Battery Backup Systems

Estimated Cost: $8,000 to $20,000+ installed
Whole-home battery systems such as Tesla Powerwall®, Enphase®, Franklin®, and similar products automatically supply power when utility service is interrupted.

Benefits include:

- Automatic operation
- Quiet and clean performance
- No fuel storage required
- Ability to integrate with rooftop solar
- Power for essential circuits or selected areas of the home

Depending on the battery system size and household electrical demand, homeowners can maintain critical loads for several hours or even multiple days when combined with solar generation.

[solartechonline.com], [hvacbase.org], Best Portable PowOutage Infoer Stations (2026) | Reviews, Comparisons & Sizing Guide

Best for:
Residents wanting seamless backup without the noise or maintenance of a generator.

November Potluck

The Clubhouse was brimming with fun, food and laughter as homeowners gathered to greet each other after their summer adventures.





















Neighbors helping others

A big thank you goes out to neighbors who saved their cans and bottles over the summer. This generous donation was taken to a local church to help raise funds for the homeless.





Thanks to Steve for spreaheading this effort.