



Community Newsletter

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From our HOA President

Well, summer has arrived with a vengeance. Over 20 days and counting with the temperature in the triple digits.

There's an old expression...if you see something, say something. This is becoming more important as the Los Cocos infrastructure is aging. We seem to have lots of issues with our irrigation and piping systems around the complex.

If you happen to see a water leak, whether a broken sprinkler head or a broken water pipe, we request that you place a flag (flags located at each pool) at the leak/break. Then it is important to contact Heidi at PPM (HGrasl@ppminternet.com) as quickly as possible, so that the repair can be completed in a timely fashion. Make sure you give her the details of the issue. Most recently, a water pipe had broken, and an email was sent to a board member. Unfortunately, the email was not read in a timely fashion (no fault of the board member) and the leak ran for hours. By the time the leak was investigated, the water had been shooting out for over 4 hours. At that time, it was a Friday night after hours and an emergency call had to be placed, but they could not come out until Saturday. Unfortunately, we had to turn off the entire landscape irrigation system until the repair could be made by the plumber.

Just as a reminder, Heidi Grasi is our main contact during the week and is best reached through [email: HGrasl@ppminternet.com](mailto:HGrasl@ppminternet.com).

Give her as much detail as possible. If you're not comfortable with email, please contact her at 760-325-9500. If it is after hours or on a weekend, call the PPM number (760)325-9500 and let the answering service take the call. The service will know who to contact and will be able to get the issue resolved as quickly as possible.

Los Cocos HOA Board of Directors Mtg.

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

To be held via teleconference

<https://8x8.vc/personali52086/david.j..schuknecht>

To join by phone instead: +1 209-844-4600,,24452883#

REMINDER:

There is NO August BOD Mtg

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test Tues, July 5th

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

A kind note from a neighbor:

Hi Rod,
The summer flowers at Los Cocos are looking absolutely beautiful.

Thank you very much for arranging to have them planted for all the summer residents to enjoy!

Much appreciated.
Josanne Lovick



Can you believe on June 1st the winter flowers were still in bloom? What a great spring this year.



Picture taken by Josanne Lovick

Inground trash can removal

We have had a good response from residents asking if it is possible to pay to have their inground trash cans removed. The inground trash receptacle next to the garage door are not used

any more as a receptacle for trash pickup and have become unsightly, collecting water and debris.

Rod has spoken to our landscape company, and they will remove your inground can for \$100, discard it and will fill the hole with sand. The homeowner will pay for this service. They must have at least 10 people agree to pay for this service before they begin.

Please contact Rod Jacobus if you are interested in removing your inground trash can.



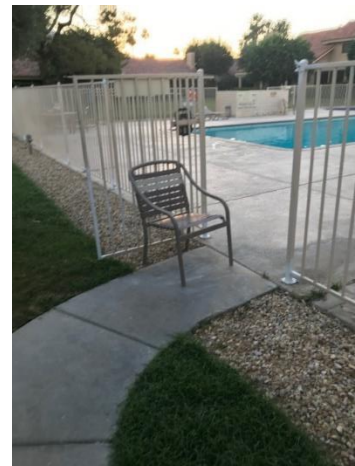
Ladies of Los Cocos Luncheon Friday, July 15th

We will eat at the Clubhouse, inside, at 12 noon
Bring a sack lunch and a beverage.

Property reminders

Pool safety

Our pools are periodically inspected by Riverside County Health & Safety. Please **do not prop open** a pool gate as it is against the law and will incur a safety code violation. This is for your own safety and the safety of all who live at and visit Los Cocos.



Security

Summer is a quiet time at Los Cocos. Even though we have 60% of our homes occupied with full-time residents, many residents leave the property to travel on vacation, sometimes for extended periods of time. Rancho Mirage has a low crime rate. Most of us feel that our perimeter wall and entrance gate system provide us with basic security, but according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, that concept is inaccurate. Walls and gates merely keep the honest people out, while the 'smash and dash' folks hardly slow down.

Security at Los Cocos depends on 72 different homeowners who make a habit of taking steps to deter a burglary. Make sure your exterior doors are locked when you leave the house. **Lighting and sounds are deterrents so if you are going out for the evening turn on your patio lights,** keep at least one room with a light on and turn on music. Don't leave your garage doors open even if you are at home. Let your neighbors know when you are going to be away for an extended period of time, and when you expect to return. Suspend newspaper delivery when you are going to be away overnight.

All residents are asked to keep the front coach lights, located at the entry/garage, on at all times. The HOA maintains these lights. The lights contain a sensor that turns the light off during day light hours.

It is not possible for everyone to know all the different people who are legitimate visitors to our neighborhood. Nevertheless, be alert to suspicious strangers. And certainly, if you see someone climbing over the wall day or night, call 911 immediately! This is someone who is up to mischief, not a neighbor from the next street who has forgotten his gate transponder!

We are fortunate to have a high percentage of our residents living in our complex year around. Many of you have alarm systems, and motion sensing outdoor lights. Both of these are good deterrents, but they do not replace a watchful neighbor. The bottom line is that good security is really up to all of us. I will look out for you, and you can return the favor to me.

Summer has arrived

The temperatures have hit the 100+ degree mark and will remain extremely hot for the remainder of the summer. Now is a good time to have your gardener or handy man clean your gutters and drainpipes. Our heavy, quick summer rains can fill and clog drainpipes very quickly. Cleaning them will prevent water from backing up and damaging your roof and will also prevent mud and debris from covering your patios.

The intense heat and sunlight can also damage your plants, so try to provide some shade and plenty of water. If you are not in residence during the summer, it is a good idea to have someone check your unit periodically to check for water leaks, break-ins, pests, and rodents.

Security at the main gate

If you have a car follow you through the main gate, and you don't recognize the driver, there are two things you can do to prevent a non-resident from entering; drive through the main gate, stop your car just inside the gate and wait for the gate to close. The person will have to re-open the gate in order to enter. OR pull into the visitor parking area at the Clubhouse and follow the car to see where it goes.

If you see a suspicious car on the property, write down the license plate number or take a picture of the license and contact the police. We as a community are our best neighborhood watch. Stay vigilant.

Rancho Mirage Events

There is a wonderful website that lists all of the Rancho Mirage events. If you have not taken a look at it, you will be surprised at the variety of events available. RanchoMirageEvents.com

Around the Neighborhood

What are the daily happenings around the neighborhood? This is your opportunity to shine. Send me pictures of your game nights, your wine cooler gatherings, and your cocktail parties. Gosh, please send me pictures of your pets in action. Your pictures will be printed here for everyone to enjoy.



Docents at Bobby Burks house
Kathy, Cynthia, Greg, and Sean



Rod enjoying the Amalfi coast.



Can we join you Tau? So beautiful.



Lynda and Royal looking out their Vancouver, B.C. living room window. When we are on a cruise, can we knock on your door and say hello?

Corrections for the Directory

NEIL & JEANNE ROBERTSON

760-821-3574

(Jeanne) tojeannerobertson@gmail.com

DEMITRIA ROBERTSON

Demetria is listed as an emergency contact.

She is an owner.

I am sorry for the confusing information
stated in the Directory.

760-799-4873

37910 Los Cocos Dr. East

(Demetria) tashina1974@yahoo.com

How are you celebrating July 4th?



Send Judy your Vacation Photos

They will be included in the
August newsletter

Welcome to our new Neighbors

Laura Kutch and Jasmine Dominguez

37640 Los Cocos Dr East

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