



Corona del Mar Residents Association

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NEWSLETTER

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CdMRA SPONSORS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 @ 5:30 PM

OASIS SENIOR CENTER

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CdM BIDS FAREWELL TO LUVENA HAYTON

Long time resident and community volunteer **Luvena Hayton** passed away last month following a series of strokes.

Luvena was a tireless booster of her beloved Corona del Mar and one of the founding members of the Corona del Mar Residents Association. She was the first woman president of the Corona del Mar Chamber of Commerce, and was one of the greatest advocates of fostering cooperation and mutual aid between the resident and business communities in Corona del Mar. She was a good friend to all of Corona del Mar and in many ways was CdM's own "First Lady".

Luvena was always armed for action to protect Corona del Mar. A strong advocate for Corona del Mar, she possessed the grace of a lady and the strength of a lion. Luvena approached the City Council many times over the years. She always had a smile on her face and was not afraid to call it as she saw it. Her effectiveness in fostering social change brought her much respect throughout the community.

Luvena's last triumph for Corona del Mar was her presentation at the City Council meeting when the decision to purchase the Coast Highway from CalTrans was being considered. She reminded everyone how long it took CalTrans to fill a particular pothole that was swallowing up cars near the Goldenrod intersection. With her charming southern drawl, she told the story in a very humorous way and influenced the council with a serious point. She had a knack of making you smile while she hammered you with her sound logic and community concern.

Luvena is and will continue to be greatly missed by all of Corona del Mar.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

It is election time again and your CdM Residents Association is planning a **Candidates Forum** to help you familiarize yourself with the candidates running for City Council.

Mark your calendars:
October 16, 2006
Oasis Senior Center
5:30 pm: Refreshments
6:00 pm: Candidates Forum

You will have an opportunity to personally talk with candidates both before and after the Forum. Use this opportunity to have the candidates address issues that are of specific concern to you.

During the Forum, each candidate will have an opportunity to make a presentation on their qualifications and what sets them apart from their competition.

To understand each candidate's position on a number of issues specific to CdM, we will pose a series of questions to each council candidate. The questions are meant to reveal the candidates' position on issues specific to CdM, such as:

- CdM's Vision Plan
- Measure X-Greenlight II
- Measure V-General Plan Amendment
- Night-time Parking around Big Corona
- Port Theater Clean-Up

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In prior elections, Corona del Mar was represented by a single council member. Since the annexation of Newport Coast and the realignment of the council districts, there are now three council members whose districts include Corona del Mar neighborhoods. Each Council member, including the Mayor, has the same voting power, and each one of their opinions matter to CdM. That's why it is so important to hear from each candidate.

If you want to learn more about the candidates, **Speak Up Newport** hosted a Candidate Forum on September 13th with all candidates present. This forum was recorded and will be replayed on local **Time Warner and Cox Cable** community access **Channel No. 3** at 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Saturdays prior to the election.

You can view each candidate's statement and biographic information by visiting the City's web site at <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/> and clicking on "General Municipal Election" under "City News".

We invite all residents and their guests to join us for an informative and fun evening.

City Council Candidates

Candidates in Districts which represent CdM neighborhoods:

District 5
 Edward Selich
 Robert Schoonmaker

District 6
 Nancy Gardner
 Dick Nichols

District 7
 Delores Otting
 Keith Curry



Other Council candidates include:

District 1
 Michael Henn
 Marcia Dossey
 Brenda Martin
 Jack Wu

District 3
 Mayor Don Webb (unopposed)

District 4
 Leslie Daigle
 Barbara Venezia

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NEWPORT CENTER PARK SAVED....AGAIN

Under the leadership of Debra Allen, a founding board member of CdMRA, and with the assistance of other committed Corona del Mar volunteers, as well as an outpouring of support from CdMRA members, the Newport Center Park located above Newport Central Library has been saved from consideration for the new City Hall facility.



The wheels of government turn slowly. It was several years ago with the support of CdMRA that the City Council voted to support maintaining this community jewel as a passive park.

With the vote secured, members of the public, including Debra, local giver Bernie Svalstad, Councilmember Ed Selich and the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Department took it upon themselves to initiate an effort to not only design a passive park, but to identify and secure donor funding to build the park.

During the multi-year process things changed. The City embarked on a program to build a new City Hall. Many sites were considered and the Newport Center Park was under the magnifying glass once again, only this time, long time resident and noted architect Bill Ficker respectfully submitted a preliminary plan for the use of the lower portion of the park site for the new City Hall facility.

Despite sound logic employed in support of Mr. Ficker's plan, the plan surfaced after the City Council-endorsed passive park plan was designed and partially funded with donor funds and after many hours of volunteer time and energy were expended.

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If the City Council were to overturn their own decision to build the passive park after devoted community volunteers worked several years to make the park a reality, how in the world could the City expect the next project requiring active community involvement to be supported with volunteers?

Despite Corona del Mar Councilmember Nichol's abstention, the passive park was once again supported by the City Council and the site removed from consideration for the new City Hall.

While frustrating to those that support Newport Center Park, the process has had a beneficial affect on the City Hall redevelopment plan. It has become clearer to the City Council that the peninsula is not the ideal location for a new City Hall and that the Newport Center area is a logical location for City Hall.

Keep an eye on the City Council meetings as other locations within Newport Center surface for consideration as a new city hall location.



WHAT IS THE CdM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

In several instances over the past few years, the public has heard our City Council representative Dick Nichols refer to the CdM Community Association when validating his position on issues in front of the City Council.

To be clear, his reference is to an association other than our Corona del Mar Residents Association (CdMRA).

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In an attempt to better understand his association and in our continuing effort to unify a voice for CdM, the Corona del Mar Residents Association Board has asked Mr. Nichols to provide a list of the active board members and minutes from their meetings.

Our requests have gone unanswered for over a year. Following our most recent request, Mr. Nichols stated that there were no formal minutes, he could not name any current board members of his purported CdM Community Association and there are no scheduled meetings.

The CdMRA charter was developed on a platform of public inclusion and CdMRA's Board has gone to great lengths to operate transparently while maintaining detailed records of our meetings. It is disingenuous for Mr. Nichols to claim that he is representing an association of residents where no record of their meetings can be confirmed and where no meetings are scheduled.

Over the past 10 years, not one member of our board has been invited to any meeting of the CdM Community Association. We ask: "How can Mr. Nichols claim, in public, his leadership of a purported public association where none currently exists?" In his City Council candidate statement, Mr. Nichols claims the following, "Dick remains the acting President of the Corona del Mar Community Association."

Please ask yourself if this is a fair representation. While his association may have had public participation many years ago, it is now defunct and should not be recognized by the City or the public.



**MEMBER DUES
!!! GOOD NEWS !!!**

The Board would like to thank our members who have made an effort to catch up on their dues this year, and to the many members who pay their \$12 dues on an annual basis each year.

Our dues are used almost exclusively for communications with our members, through our newsletters, our recently developed website, and our annual membership meetings.



We have now secured adequate funding to allow us to prepare and mail newsletters more often than once per year. You can look forward to three or four newsletters per year in a smaller format.

We also encourage you to visit our website on a regular basis (www.cdmra.org). Bookmark it so that you can refer to it often and keep up-to-date on activities within our community.



We encourage you to send in your comments and suggestions on a regular basis.

In our newsletter, and on our website, we frequently poll our members for their opinions on a number of issues that are important to CdM and our residents' quality of life.

Don't be shy. Your opinions matter, and your voice is counted.

The CdMRA Board can be reached via email at Info@cdmra.org or by sending a note via US Mail to CdMRA, PO Box 1500, Corona del Mar, CA 92625.

LEAF BLOWERS

During the General Plan hearings at the General Plan Advisory Committee and Planning Commission, there was substantial discussion about the use of leaf blowers in Newport Beach.



A majority felt there should be an ordinance requiring all mechanized landscape maintenance tools have a muffler with an additional provision to ban the use of leaf blowers. The ordinance process allows for more discussion and addressing specific details

The language approved in the General Plan Noise Element under policy 4.8 reads as follows: "Regulate the use of mechanized landscape equipment."

Given the overwhelming response from CdMRA's members in favor of banning leaf blowers, CdMRA's Board voted at the August Board meeting to send a letter to the City Council requesting that they take up the issue of banning leaf blowers and requiring mufflers on other mechanized equipment for landscaping.

GOLDENROD BRIDGE

Watch for improvements being made to our Goldenrod Bridge. It is in the process of being repaired, repainted, and replanted. A new sprinkler system is also being installed.



The initial planting will be Impatiens. Geraniums will be planted at a later date as the permanent plant for color.

CROSSWALK UPDATE

After a long wait the lighted crosswalk at Orchid and Coast Highway is nearly here. City Council reviewed bids and awarded a contract to construct the crosswalk. The crosswalk will include the lighted markers in the paving as well as overhead warning signs and flashing lights to indicate a pedestrian is using the crosswalk. Due to the worldwide demand for steel, the lead time for the steel supports and cross arms turned out to be longer than expected. As soon as they arrive, construction can begin. It will only take a couple of weeks to complete once it is started.

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