



Corona del Mar Residents Association

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008 Issue

CdMRA SPONSORS CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Monday, October 13 @ 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Hosted Refreshments @ 5:30 PM)
Oasis Senior Center - 800 Marguerite Avenue, Corona del Mar

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. You will have an opportunity to personally talk with candidates both before and after the Forum. During the Forum, each candidate will have an opportunity to make a presentation highlighting their qualifications. 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.

Since the annexation of Newport Coast and the realignment of the council districts, there are now three council members whose districts include CdMRA neighborhoods. Each Council member, including the Mayor, has the same voting power, and each one of their opinions matter to CdMRA members. That's why it is so important to hear from each candidate. We invite all residents and their guests to join us for an informative evening.

Visit the City's website for candidates' statements and biographic information. Click on each candidate's name to access their specific campaign information.

<http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/clerknotices/NoticeNominees2008.asp>

Got questions for our candidates? Email them to Info@CdMRA.org by October 6 and we'll see that they are addressed during the Forum.

City Council Candidates – November 4, 2008 Election

District 5	District 7	District 2
Edward Selich *	Keith Curry *	Gloria Alkire
Unopposed	Dolores Otting	Steve Rosansky *

* Incumbent

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JOIN OR RENEW

Now is the time to join or renew. Applications and Renewal Forms can be found on our website at <http://www.cdmra.org/member.html>

We encourage you to provide us with your current email address as it helps us keep our costs, and therefore our dues, low.

Don't know if you are paid up? Email or call to find out.
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City Hall & Park Design Review

Date: Saturday, September 27
 Time: 8:00 am with scheduled breaks
 - Lunch @ 1:00 pm
 - Dinner @ 5:00 pm
 Place: City Council Chambers,
 3300 Newport Boulevard



Plan to attend this all-day public hearing to review the new city hall and park design concept plans that were created by the five architects chosen to participate in the city's design competition.

Each design team will have 90 minutes to present their architectural and landscape concepts for the City Hall building and the adjacent 12.8-acre park. An extensive question and answer period will be conducted after each presentation. The meeting will be reconvened after the dinner break to seek public comments on architects' presentations.

View the agenda on the city's website: <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/cmo/CityHall/cityhalldesignparkmasterplan.asp>

If you are not able to attend, be sure to catch the NBTV broadcast, a one-hour show summarizing this event. The summary will also be available on the city's website for viewing.

Disaster Preparedness – You're Invited !

CdMRA sponsored an informative and well-attended Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Class at Sherman Gardens in July. In an effort to reach even more CdMRA neighborhoods, we will continue to promote and sponsor additional 90 minute sessions this year. On **Sunday, October 5 @ 3:00-4:30 pm**, Cameo Community will be hosting the next Disaster Preparedness Class. It will be held in Roxbury Park (Cameo Shores). You are welcome to attend. Be sure to bring a beach chair or blanket for sitting. RSVP: Info@CdMRA.org or 949.719.9390.

If you are interested in hosting a Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Class for your HOA or neighbors, please contact Matt Brisbois, Newport Beach Community Preparedness Coordinator, by email at nbcert@nbfd.net or call 949.644.3112.

Neighborhood Watch Update

In response to citizen concerns about after hours beach violations, BBQ and other violations at CDM area beaches, and related activities on Ocean Blvd. and the surrounding neighborhood, NBPd officers assigned to that area have issued over 600 citations from the Memorial Day weekend through mid-August, with the majority of those being for after hours, alcohol and BBQ violations. NBPd's goal is to continue building upon the strong working relationship between the police department and the community. Your feedback is welcome. Contact Lieutenant Jeff Lu by email at JLu@nbpd.org or by phone at 949.644.3299, ext. 2732.

Sidewalk Extension

The sidewalk on Coast Highway from Morning Canyon to Seaward is now finished. This completes the sidewalk link through CdM to Crystal Cove State Park & Beach. Congratulations to the Public Works Department for incorporating a lovely meandering design for this new sidewalk section.



More News & Updates

Interested in events and projects which impact Corona del Mar? For the latest information, visit our website regularly at www.cdmra.org

----- Cut along the dotted line & mail in -----

CORONA DEL MAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION – NEW MEMBER / RENEWAL

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CdM ADDRESS:	
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 MAIL TO: CORONA DEL MAR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION; P.O. BOX 1500; CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625

CdM Parking Study

Public meetings will be held sometime in late October/early November to review recommendations by the CDM Steering Committee and City consultants to alleviate our parking issues. As soon as dates have been set, we will post them on our website.



Signal At PCH & Iris

Installation of a new pedestrian-activated traffic signal on PCH at Iris began September 2 and is expected to be completed by November. Traffic lanes closures may be necessary between 9:00am-3:00pm.

Port Theater

As most people have seen and heard by now, the Port Theater is to be restored. As explained by the owner, it will be as much a community place as a movie house, available to the public for events (such as dance recitals and meetings). It will have lounge seating (sofas and chairs instead of the former stadium seating), a kitchen to prepare food on site, an enlarged stage, and possibly a beer and wine license.

Group Homes

The latest information on Newport Beach Group Homes can be found on the city's website at

<http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/IROC.html>

or by contacting the Assistant City Managers Dave Kiff @ 949-644-3002 or Sharon Wood @ 949-644-3222.



CdM State Beach – Anchorage

The City is inspecting boats which anchor off Big Corona State Beach. Sanitation systems on these boats are being reviewed. And they want to insure that none of these boats have been abandoned.

Public Views

Begonia Park: The view from the top of Begonia Park is designated as a public view in the new General Plan and as such protected. There is a small lot at the corner that many people thought was part of the park but is actually someone's lot. The owners have decided to build and after several revisions and modifications, the Planning Commission approved the structure. In response to neighborhood requests, Council Member Gardner has appealed the decision so that the City Council can take a second look in terms of General Plan policies.

Neighboring HOAs: CdMRA has been approached numerous times over the past several years by residents who reside in the villages of Harbor View regarding the demolition and reconstruction of new homes in the existing neighborhoods. It seems that the individual homeowners associations and their respective CC&R's within the various villages of Harbor View do not have view protection across a lower association. As we understand it, this is because the Architectural Committee and Board of Directors of one HOA have no jurisdiction in the CC&R's to consider the views of another HOA. We are committed to the harmony within the villages of Corona del Mar and are concerned that many of our members are losing the ocean view they sought when purchasing the Corona del Mar homes. Our board voted without opposition to encourage the City Council to commence a process to vet out this issue in an attempt to identify the original intent of the view protection provisions that are embedded in the CC&R's of each HOA in the view neighborhoods in such a way that they apply the same consideration for view protection to homes that are outside of the respective HOA's. We will keep you posted on the progress of this issue.



Leaf Blowers

Whatever happened to the effort to ban leaf blowers from residential zones in our city? The issue of banning leaf blowers in Newport Beach, like they do in many neighboring cities, was discussed during the General Plan re-write process. Unfortunately leaf blowers were lumped into the broader category of mechanized landscape maintenance equipment. Then the issue was further watered down in the General Plan by, rather than banning them, re-wording the policy to "Regulate the use of mechanized landscaping equipment". Well, where is the regulation? On any given weekday or Saturday, we can hear leaf blowers, edgers, lawn mowers and hedge trimmers that clearly exceed any reasonable noise limits and spew their unwanted noise and particulate matter all over our quiet residential areas. There has been talk of better mufflers that could mitigate the noise problem, however, a voluntary system of compliance will not achieve the results that are needed.

The best way to address the unwanted noise created by leaf blowers is to ban them. Such a ban would compel manufacturers to develop a quiet leaf blower. Perhaps simply banning them from residential zones is a step that would relieve the residents of the unwanted noise while allowing the city and other commercial property owners to continue their use in less noise-sensitive areas. We encourage you to write or email the city council members with the imperative to address this issue as set forth in the General Plan (Noise Element Section N 4.8).

Zoning Code

The city is currently in the process of re-writing the zoning code to make it consistent with the voter-approved General Plan. Copies of the draft zoning code are available at City Hall. If you have suggestions or recommendations on the draft zoning code, the best time to address your concerns is at the advisory meetings where public participation is encouraged. The draft may be view on the city's website at <http://www.city.newport-beach.ca.us/PLN/Planning.html> or by calling Gregg Ramirez at 949.644.3219 or Melinda Whelan at 949-644-3221.

The Oasis – Senior Center Transformation

For more than 30 years, the OASIS Senior Center has met the mental, physical and social needs of countless Orange County Seniors, especially in Newport Beach.

The newly revitalized Oasis is going to offer an incredible improvement that will give everyone a space to recreate, socialize, learn and get fit! The most significant changes include a wellness/fitness center, enlarged computer lab and library, improved art center, larger multipurpose room, a cozy family room for socialization, modern technology in the classrooms, energy efficient rooms, and increased parking. The new facility will accommodate the changing needs of the older population as well as the needs of the current community.

We invite you to be part of this important project to create a unique state-of-the-art facility in Newport Beach for generations to come.

- Founder: Gifts of \$250,000-\$499,999
- Pacesetter: Gifts of \$100,000 - \$249,999
- Builder: Gifts of \$50,000 - \$99,999
- Steward: Gifts of \$25,000 - \$49,999
- Friend: Gifts of \$10,000 – \$24,999
- Donor: Gifts of \$100 - \$9,999

For more information please contact the Oasis office at 949.644.3245.

CdMRA Privacy Policy

We have a strict Privacy policy which prevents us from selling or sharing member contact information.

Please help us keep our printing and mailing costs down by providing your current email address. If you are not getting our email newsletters, simply send us an email at Info@CdMRA.org and ask that we include you on our email newsletter list.

Let Us Hear From You

We encourage you to send in your comments, concerns and suggestions. And from time to time we poll our members for their opinions on a number of issues that are important to 92625 communities and our residents' quality of life.

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