



Corona del Mar Residents Association NEWSLETTER

Fall 2010

CdMRA City Council Candidates Forum

Wednesday, October 20: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Oasis Senior Center, Evelyn Hart Event Center
801 Narcissus Avenue, Corona del Mar

Hosted Refreshments & Candidate Information Tables: 6:00pm-6:30pm

Candidate Program | Q&A: 6:30pm-7:30pm

It is election time again and the 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 during the pre-Forum reception. During the Forum, each candidate will have an opportunity to make a brief presentation highlighting their qualifications. CdMRA, with input from our members, will pose a series of questions to each council candidate with the intent to reveal the candidates' position on issues specific to Corona del Mar.

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 the views and opinions of each candidate. We invite all residents and their guests to join us for an informative evening.

The City's website has information about each City Council candidate. Please visit:
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=948>

Got questions for our candidates? Email them to Info@CdMRA.org by October 15 and we'll see that they are addressed during the Forum.

2010 City Council Candidates

District 1	District 3	District 4	District 6
Michael Henn * #	Rush Hill	Leslie Daigle *	Nancy Gardner *
Unopposed	Ed Reno	Michael Tabbert	Unopposed

* Incumbent | # Unable to attend

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JOIN OR RENEW

Not a member? Join now for 2011 and receive important news and updates impacting 92625 neighborhoods. Use PayPal, or set us up as an annual payment through your online banking system. Of course, we accept regular checks too. And voluntary contributions are most welcome! Applications and Renewal Forms can also be found at www.Cdmra.org/Member.html

Please help us keep printing and mailing costs low by providing your current email address. We protect your privacy. Our Privacy Policy is available on our website.

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Residential Zoning Code Update

First of all, CdMRA wishes to thank you for your overwhelming response to our Zoning Code Survey in September. Over 50% of our members responded, providing valuable information and insights on your perspective of the proposed zoning code changes.

City Council reviewed Staff recommendations and heard resident testimony at the September 14 Study Session. Staff will return to City Council in October to present the final draft along with one more opportunity for resident comments and testimony. As of now, we expect this topic to be on the agenda for the City Council meeting on October 12 @ 7:00pm.

Following is a very brief summary of the zoning code changes that relate to residential remodels and rebuilds in Corona del Mar (Flower Streets only):

- The above-grade size of homes does not change. Above-grade size will be determined by taking the floor-area square footage (lot size minus setbacks) time 1.5. This is how home size is currently measured.
- City Council directed staff to eliminate the size restriction on below-grade basements. Below-grade basements will now be allowed with no limits on square footage.
- The proposed code includes building requirements that are designed to create less perceived visual mass above ground.
- Single-family homes (R1) are required to have a two-car enclosed garage; homes greater than 4000 square feet are required to have a three-car enclosed garage. As in the current code, garage space would be included in the total square footage of the home size calculation.
- Duplex (R2) parking requirements remain the same as in the current code.

Be sure to visit our website for Zoning Code updates. We will continue to post updates as available: www.Cdmra.org



Fire Season Is Here: Be Prepared!

Wildfire safety is a particular concern to Corona del Mar residents. With Buck Gully and Morning Canyon in our community, all residents should take steps to harden their homes against fire, and to prepare an evacuation plan in advance of an emergency. We saw what happened to Brea and Yorba Linda residents in the 2008 Freeway Complex Fire. We can take steps to prevent a similar catastrophe from happening here. CdMRA has pulled together information on fire-prevention resources which are particularly helpful given our unique proximity to gullies and canyons. **Be Informed. Be Prepared.** Go to: <http://cdmra.org/newsnbfireprevention.html>



Earthquakes and floods are other examples of unexpected disasters that can potentially affect Corona del Mar resulting in catastrophic loss of lives and property. Although we cannot predict when these disasters will occur, we can prepare for them beforehand. Disaster preparedness is one of the top priorities for the City of Newport Beach. The Newport Beach Fire Department encourages all residents to do their part and be "Partners in Preparedness".

The City's website has a wealth of information and tools to help you and your family through the planning process. To learn more about making plans, getting trained, taking classes, and who our preparedness partners are, go to: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=760>

CERT TRAINING IS FREE to all residents of Newport Beach. Schedules for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 classes are available at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1135>



The Corona del Mar Residents Association (CdMRA) was created to provide a unified voice on issues which impact all residential neighborhoods located in Zip Code 92625. Unlike a homeowner association, we are a resident advocacy group and draw our membership from over 6,400 Corona del Mar households regardless of whether you live in the Village, in a planned community or in apartment homes.

Corona del Mar is just one of many neighborhoods in Newport Beach, and we all vie for valuable city resources and services. One of the reasons that Corona del Mar is such a desirable community is that we provide a unified voice on a variety of issues that impact our quality of life. When the Newport Beach City Council makes decisions about regulations, ordinances and city resources, they do so with input from our residents. When the Corona del Mar Chamber or Commerce and Business Improvement District develop programs and incentives for our shoppers, they do so with input from our residents. We work hand in hand with city government and our local businesses to insure that the quality of our community is a top priority. The larger our membership, the more effective we can be. **Be informed. Be involved. Support CdMRA** through your membership. See pg 1 for information about how you can join or renew.



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