



Los Cocos

Community Newsletter

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Meet your new Los Cocos HOA Board of Directors

The 2021-2023 BOD was announced at the February 20th annual membership meeting. Congratulations to Sean Chuckas, who is newly elected and to re-elected members Ken Burdette and Judy Chown. The elected board members will serve a 2-year term of office.

Please feel free to contact your HOA board members with suggestions or comments.

In the organizational meeting held right after the close of the annual meeting, the new Board voted on its slate of officers. The officers are:

Board of Directors

Ken Burdette, **President**

Judy Chown, **Vice President**

Jan Weinstein, **Secretary**

Don Underhill, **Chief Financial Officer**

Sean Chuckas, **Director at Large**

Standing committees:

Architectural: Sean Chuckas, Chair
Steve Chown, member
Craig Dickson, member

Finance: Don Underhill, CFO
Betty Phillips, Chair

Point Person Assignments

Communications – Judy Chown

Clubhouse Reservations – Jan Weinstein

Emergency Preparedness – Rit Coletta
Don Underhill

Insurance – Rod Jacobus

Irrigation – Don Underhill

Landscape – Rod Jacobus, Jan Weinstein, Judy Chown, Don Underhill

Lights – Don Underhill, Chair and Steve Chown, winter, Sean Chuckas, summer

Master Calendar – Judy Chown

Pools – Sean Chuckas

Property and repairs – Steve Chown, Dave Paulson and Al Winarski

Roofs – Don Underhill

Social – Bill Cunningham, Chair, Sandy Dickson, Myrna Gray, Julie Burdette and Helma Winarski

Tree trimming – Rod Jacobus and Don Underhill

Website – Linda Gould, webmaster, and Judy Chown

Welcome – Jan Weinstein

2020 Reserve Expenditures are as follows:

Pools:

Heater Pool #1	\$4,200.00
New motor/Impeller/Parts Spa #3	1,430.00
TOTAL	\$5,630.00

Roofs:

Tile Roof Underlayment Replacement	
12 Units	\$112,015.00
TOTAL	\$112,015.00

Road repair	\$2,625.00
Rose Garden/Gazebo	16,883.48
Gate	3,110.95
Excessive Transaction Bank Fee	15.00
TOTAL	\$140,279.43

Emergency Preparedness Radio Test Tues, March 2nd

The Rancho Mirage Emergency Radio test will be held at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Rit Coletta or Don Underhill with questions.

Los Cocos HOA BOD meeting

Tuesday, March 23rd

2:00 p.m.

To be held by teleconference

<https://8x8.vc/personal52086/david.j.schuknecht>

LOS COCOS DIRECTORY

The Los Cocos 2021-2022 directory will be placed in your mail box during the month of March.

At any time, if you have changes to your name, address, telephone or email, for either your Los Cocos residence or your secondary residence, please contact Judy Chown with your updated information.

Judy can be reached at 503-522-2770 or jgchown@comcast.net.

Around the Neighborhood --

Los Cocos Website

An updated homeowner's map, as well as copies of the Los Cocos community newsletter is always located on the homeowner's section of the website.

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Bikes, young children and small animals on the roadway

As you may be well aware, there are several families with young children visiting Los Cocos during the COVID pandemic. You may see young children on their bikes riding in the streets. Adults are there also, but seeing them could be unexpected and dangerous if you are travelling too fast

Please be aware that our speed limit is 15 MPH.

Tradespeople, various workers and delivery services are traveling our streets every day and this could present a dangerous situation as you round one of the corners. Please be aware that the roadway is not a playground, and we certainly don't want any accidents.

WATCH YOUR SPEED and thanks for your cooperation.

Los Cocos Exercise Room

Are you keeping your New Year's resolution to exercise? Better yet, have you visited the Los Cocos Clubhouse exercise room? Why not make this the year for a healthier you?

The clubhouse exercise room is just waiting for you to use the equipment. The treadmill requires a security switch. The security magnet is located in the upper pocket at the front of the machine. Simply place it on the magnetic key pad in the middle front of the machine. The bicycles work beautifully, and are just waiting for you to climb aboard.

Who do I contact?

- When a house front coach light, street or landscape light is out – Contact Don Underhill, dunderhill3@roadrunner.com
- A pool issue - i.e., water not warm, spa not heating or turning off correctly? Contact: Heidi Grasl at PPM, HGrasl@ppminternet.com



Recycle News from Rit Coletta

The City of Rancho Mirage no longer has a person who comes to pick up our recycling from the Clubhouse. Rit has generously volunteered to continue the recycling program at the Clubhouse.

Please place your items in the correct marked bins.

Recycle your old batteries

Easy Breezy! Place all used batteries in the marked container at the Clubhouse – OR - you may recycle your old batteries (any size) yourself by taking them to the main desk at the Rancho Mirage City Hall. Please place your batteries in a zip lock baggie.

E-Waste

The Rancho Mirage Library has a periodic collection date and area and we are happy to report that they seem to take EVERYTHING; printers, computer screens, telephones, even small appliances e.g., coffee maker, blender, etc.

Light bulbs are recycled at a Burrtec facility in Palm Springs.

Plastic bins are available, clearly marked for the content, so Rit doesn't have to sort the items. There are bins for batteries, e-Waste, light bulbs, fluorescent and tube bulbs, and small appliances. Each bin has its own identification card.

Rules & Regulations Reminder

It is the responsibility of each owner to have the current Los Cocos CC&R's and rules and regulations visible in your unit and to remind your visitors/renters to adhere to them. The owner is responsible for the behavior of renters or guests using your unit.

Pool Temperatures

As we enjoy another warm, beautiful winter at Los Cocos, we ask for your help in maintaining our beautiful community. Our three pools and spas are wonderful, but their maintenance is one of our largest community expenses. Our pool and spa heater temperatures are regulated by our pool company, which are contracted by your HOA. Residents are reminded that they should not be near or around the pool equipment for any reason.

NEWS FROM LANDSCAPE

Tree Trimming at Los Cocos

Why do we trim the trees three times per year? There is a reason and a season for trimming our property trees. We first trim the trees in order to keep them away from your roof. This prevents wildlife from running up the tree and onto the roof. Trimming trees also prevents damage to the roof from wind, etc. The HOA is very vigilant with tree trimming. The HOA hired an arborist a few years ago, and he helped us determine which trees to trim, and how often.

The CC& R's specify that maintenance of trees and shrubs inside a homeowner's patio are the responsibility of the homeowner. During routine tree trimming, a homeowner may contract directly with Polanco Tree service and must be prepared to pay with cash the day the trees are trimmed. This activity is outside of the responsibility of the HOA. Please contact Rod Jacobus ahead of time for this service, so he is prepared to notify the tree service.

Homeowner's who do not maintain their courtyard trees will be sent a reminder letter from the HOA. This could result in a fine to the homeowner if the tree is not maintained.



Citrus trees are trimmed in February, just prior to the setting of the new blossoms. This date is dependent on the weather. Even after trimming, there are always excessive amounts of fruit left on the trees, more than any of us can use. No fruit is wasted, the tree trimmers save the fruit as they trim. Toward summer the fruit begins to dry out and is no longer usable, and the trees are stripped of old fruit. This gives the trees energy to produce new fruit, and helps prevent tree rats from enjoying the old fruit.

Palm trees are trimmed in June, when they have finished their bloom. This prevents thousands of tiny flowers from drifting into the pools and filters, and keeps the palms looking neat and tidy.

Deciduous trees (everything with leaves/pine needles) are trimmed around October. The pine trees are trimmed every three years, the olive trees are trimmed every other year, as needed, and the bottle brush are trimmed only as needed as they are slow growing, small, and vulnerable to our valley winds. The remainder of the deciduous trees are trimmed each year.

Peeking around the corner of COVID-is it safe yet?



The Los Cocos ladies met in February for a masked and socially distanced bring your own lunch at the Clubhouse pool. We also enjoyed a delicious assortment of cookies from Joellen Resare. Thank you so much.

