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WELCOME TO THE END OF SUMMER

Great news neighbors, our glorious weather is back! From now until next summer, we will be the envy of everyone who isn't fortunate enough to live in our California desert.

This is the first newsletter issued by Desert Resort Management (DRM), our new management company. There is a wealth of information available to the community shared on the DRM maintained website for Los Lagos, Town Square. If you haven't yet signed up for Town Square, it is worth taking the time to do so - click [here](#) for a setup guide.

LOS LAGOS COMMITTEES

During the summer months the three committees that keep Los Lagos running were busy. The committees are made up of Los Lagos homeowners who volunteer their time in the service of our community. Why not give them a big thank you when you see them around Los Lagos!

Here are some of the activities that each of the committees has recently undertaken:

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Members: Dave Howard (chair), Gay Baker, Carlos Fuentes, Teddi Fulsaas

Since the beginning of May, there have been seven Landscape Requests from homeowners which have been processed by the Committee. Projects included replacement or addition of specific plants, new driveways, and complete renovations of yards.

The committee does regular walk-throughs of the community with the landscape company, GML, to identify problem areas, necessary plant replacements or removals, grading issues, ground cover material improvements, grass issues, irrigation issues, etc. They also plan the spring and fall seasonal plantings.

Regular maintenance Issues can be addressed by creating a Request in Town Square which will be handled by the management company. Landscape Modification Requests entered into Town Square will be reviewed by the committee which then refers its recommendations to our board for approval.



ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Members: Larry Bouffard (chair), Karen Bennett, Harris Demetre, Dave Savoca, Ilayna Turcott

During the summer, homeowners have been busy upgrading the homes so there have been many Architectural Requests processed by the Committee. Projects included a new exterior gas line, outside lights and ceiling fan, multiple solar installations, entrance walkway alteration, patio resurfacing, multiple house repainting, outdoor lighting replacement, fountain installation, sunshade installation and an atrium enclosure.

The Architectural Committee and the HOA Board have streamlined the approval process, and we are happy to report that most Architectural Requests have been approved within 7 days.

WATERWAYS COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Members: Jim Turcott (chair), John Price

Los Lagos is fortunate to have been developed using an extensive waterway system that we refer to as waterways 1-4 for purposes of describing the locations to our contractors for maintenance and any needed repairs. Waterways 1-2 are located South of Cachuma Road and 3-4 are North of Cachuma.

We began the summer with replacing a pump for the East side of the reservoir for waterways 3 fountain. This was followed by replacing the pump for the North entry fountain pond at our entrance off Cook Street. Shortly thereafter, the waterways 2 main pump failed and required replacement. Fortunately, we have long-standing relationships with highly-skilled contractors.

Also this summer, we experienced a huge algae bloom within waterways 3, requiring shutting down the pumping system. Our contractors applied a large quantity of chemicals in order to counter the algae bloom. We took this opportunity to clear waterways 3 reservoir pond of the large beds of lily pads in order to reduce the blocking of surface debris flow to the filter baskets.

Just recently, SCE suffered a large-scale power outage that affected our homeowners North of Cachuma Road. The outage required a breaker replacement for the waterways 3 main pump.

This Fall, we anticipate shutting down waterways 3 for planned maintenance to repair a leak in one of our larger ponds along the West side of this waterway. We will keep our Board informed as to an anticipated starting date and expected completion date.



IT'S TIME FOR A ROSE BUSH HAIRCUT

Many of us in Los Lagos have rose bushes in our side yard and common area gardens. Some were there when we bought our homes and others we have planted ourselves. Though providers of gorgeous blooms, unless properly maintained the rose bushes can become more of an eyesore than an enhancement to your property.



For roses to look good and produce the blossoms that we love, they require proper care: water, fertilizer, sunshine, decent soil, and PRUNING. Cutting the rose plant back promotes vigorous new growth that will allow it to produce the greatest number and best quality blooms. When the daytime temperatures drop below 100 and nighttime temperatures drop below 90 it is time to prune. This end of summer cutback is not the same as the more severe cutback we do in January.

So, how far back do you cut when doing a fall pruning? A good rule of thumbs is about one third. Start at the top and look down the flower stem to a place where it branched out from the main cane and cut a half inch above that joint. You can

go further down to the next joint if you wish the plant to be a little shorter. And don't forget to fertilize with any good rose fertilizer!

To see a nicely pruned rose garden, check out the Palm Desert Rose Garden in the Palm Desert Community Center park off of Fred Waring and San Pablo. Visit again in November to see the garden in bloom! The annual Desert Rose Society Rose Show will also be held in the Community Center on November 13th. You can have your questions about growing roses answered by the local consulting rosarians at:

www.desertrosesociety.com/consulting-rosarians.

Happy Rose Growing!



Palm Desert Rose Garden fall pruning

LOS LAGOS SECURITY TIPS

Here are a few basic tips to help maintain the security and safety of your home:

- Keep all doors locked front and back at all times. Times are changing and daytime break-ins are not uncommon at all.
- Have some outdoor lights on a sensor to turn on automatically in the front and back of your home when it gets dark. Keeping your home well-lit is the best deterrent to keep unwanted people away and out of your house.
- Keeping some soft lights on a timer inside of the house all year round is a great idea as well.
- Security cameras and security systems are great but outdoor lighting is still the best deterrent.
- When walking around Los Lagos in the evening it is very easy to spot the people who are gone for the summer and have no lights on inside or outside their home. It's best if no one can tell whether you're home or not.
- If you see something say something. If you see strange people or vehicles inside of the community it is best to take note and report them.
- As everyone's parents probably told them... Don't talk to strangers.



We had a situation at the beginning of June when a young man was wandering around the community knocking on doors and claiming to sell solar....even to homeowners who already had solar! Several homeowners actually spoke with him even though he had no uniform, business cards or literature. Seeing that he obviously didn't belong in the community he was approached and asked who he worked for and who his supervisor was. He would not provide any of that information, so he was escorted off the property. This is a very common practice for criminals to "scout" out a community to see who is gone for the season.

PROTECT YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

What Is a Digital Footprint?

A digital footprint is an accumulation of all your online activities—your social media posts, internet purchases, the websites you visit, etc. All these actions leave a digital trail that can be tracked and analyzed to learn about your habits and create customized experiences.

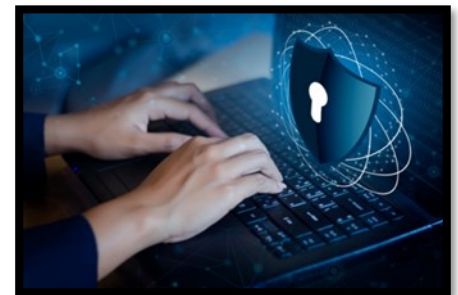
Cybercriminals can also use your footprint as an aid when executing social engineering schemes – such as phishing attacks – and other scams.

How Can I Manage My Footprint?

Before you share information about yourself, first consider whether the convenience and benefits are worth the added exposure.

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Tips:

- **Keep all software up to date**, including your operating systems, browsers and apps.
- **Strengthen your logins** by ensuring you're using complex and unique passwords for your online accounts and have enabled multi-factor authentication whenever available.
- **Use tighter privacy settings** with your social media accounts and assume that everything you post online could be made public.
- **Limit app permissions** and be selective about granting access to information such as your photos, locations, contacts, etc.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Please welcome these newcomers to our community. The dates shown indicate when we were advised of the ownership change.

Steven Estrella, 44032 Erie Court (5-10-21)

William and Ellen Webster, 44215 Tahoe Circle (7-13-21)

Caerwyn Evans, 44070 Mojave Court (8-20-21)

Ward & Pat Fredericks, 44165 Mojave Court (9-15-21)

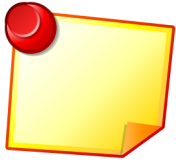
Homes for Sale in Los Lagos

74988 Tahoe Circle \$625,000

Home prices have been increasing in Los Lagos as is happening throughout California. Surprisingly, eighteen properties have changed ownership in the last 12 month and here is how the prices have changed:



A MESSAGE FROM ILAYNA TURCOTT, HOA PRESIDENT



I would like to welcome back our seasonal homeowners and welcome all our new homeowners. During the summer, we addressed a couple of major maintenance projects: replastering pool and spa number 3, and resurfacing the tennis/pickleball courts. We are planning a Resident's Party this fall so please keep eyes open for the announcement. Our next board meeting will be held at the IW City Council Chambers on October 18th at 2 pm – all homeowners are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU PATRICK SHANNON

A big thank you goes to Patrick Shannon who suggested a newsletter several years ago and then made it happen. He enlisted homeowners to write articles, wrote articles, formatted each newsletter and distributed it to all homeowners. Our new management company, Desert Resort Management, now can provide us the resources to format and distribute the newsletter which frees Patrick to spend more time at his favorite pastime, the Palm Springs Air Museum! We hope that Patrick will continue to contribute his articles.



IN MEMORIAM

Charlie Root sadly passed away after a brief illness. He and his wife Pat moved to Los Lagos several years ago; they were childhood sweethearts in Albion, Illinois where they spent most of their lives. Charlie loved desert activities, such as off roading in his jeep. During his last days he wanted and enjoyed martinis and ice cream with his Los Lagos friends. A delightful man, he will be missed.



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