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Fourth of July at the Colony

By LaDonna Bornzin

Yes! The Fourth of July was such fun! We all, young and old, had a great time following Irvine Police Officer Aragon and his muscular police truck through the streets of the Colony. After the parade all participants gathered for the awarding of prizes for best decorated "wheels".

Next in the Colony park were lawn games with competitive relay races and water balloon toss. After being drenched by the water balloons, everyone was ready for the pool games.



Thank you to the Red Hots swim team for manning the snack bar, which kept us fueled with grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and water melon smoothies, ready to compete in the pool games: the coin toss, cannonball contest, raft races and watermelon grab. Mark your calendar for next year and join your neighbors for fun right here in the Colony—no traffic or parking problems!

Of course we can't put these games on without the many Colony families pitching in to help. Many thanks to those who helped including the Fox family, the Poissoniers, Chip McGehee and his wife Melanie and son Nicholas, Corinne Challenge, the Miner family, Eliza Holt, Ashley Mackintosh. And thanks to Valerie Schiano who directed the parade. Thank you to Eileen Tsai for all the many plants she potted up and brought down and gave away for free to any who wanted them! And more thanks to all who lent a hand or two when needed at the event.

BOARD NEWS

Regular BOD Meetings: The Colony Board of Directors has changed the regular meeting schedule to have BOD meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next meetings are **August 10th, 2017, 7pm & September 14th, 2017, 7pm** at the Colony Clubhouse. Remember to check the web site; meeting dates are subject to change. Board meetings are open to all homeowners. Please check the agenda and come early to sign up if you wish to speak at the Open Members Forum. Your input is valued.

Meeting agendas and approved minutes can be found on the Colony web page at www.colonyirvine.com. Click on About Us then Board/Meetings tab. They are also posted on the Clubhouse information board. Agendas are posted four days prior to Board meetings.

New Colony Board of Directors: The Colony Membership Meeting and Board of Directors elections was held on July 4th in the Clubhouse. The 2017-2018 Board held its first meeting on July 13th 2017 and appointed officers as follows.

Mike Jacobs will serve another term as President and continue as a liaison to the hearing panel. Myra Radlow has accepted the position of Vice President and will remain as ARC committee Liaison. New to the board Dan Patton, has been appointed Secretary and will serve as the Liaison to the Pool committee. David Braun will remain as Treasurer. Truc Nguyen, Director at Large, will be the facilities Liaison and John Allmann, also Director at Large will stay as Landscape Liaison and Colony website.

Eileen Tsai has agreed to stay on to chair the ARC committee and has the same volunteers as last year.

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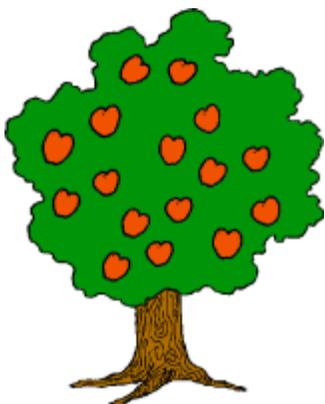
Protecting your Fruit

By Myra Radlow

Few things are as disappointing to a gardener than to see the – literal – fruits of their labor disappear right before they plan to harvest them. Many animals are to blame for this, including rats, squirrels, opossums, rabbits, and birds. Here are some non-chemical suggestions that might help your situation:

Loosely install a metal band that is at least 2-feet-wide around the trunks of your fruit trees. This will make it harder for rodents and squirrels to climb up to your fruit. A nice video of what to do is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NSwPZYVkwC>

Cover fruit trees and bushes with bird-proof netting at the first sign of fruits. Leave the cover in place until you are ready to harvest. Likewise, try to put netting around your backyard garden beds to discourage wildlife from visiting. Many animals of the night will travel along the tops of fences, so trim your trees well away from them. Rats can jump at least two feet, and squirrels can jump at least six feet!



Don't leave dog food outside. It will attract a variety of night creatures who will then seek dessert in your fruit trees or garden.

Also, be careful with birdseed. It is fun to attract and watch the birds, but rats and squirrels are also fond of the easy meal.

Putting down some ground cayenne pepper around your trees or plants might help, or make a pepper spray to use, but remember it needs to be reapplied every time you water your trees or plants.

A more labor-intensive solution, but maybe more successful for the labor, are fruit sleeves. This is a bit of transparent material made of a fine mesh that you use to cover each individual fruit, or the branch of a tree coming into fruit, or the entire tree! Sunlight and water passes through the mesh to the plants, but pests are kept out. This is designed for discouraging insects and birds; other animals might just eat right through it. For your consideration: fruit-tree-sleeves from harrodhorticultural.com - or Insect Mosquito Bird Mulch Net Barrier Bag Garden available on Amazon or an Agfabric Plant Protecting Bag and Tree Cover also available on Amazon. Or you can try to make your own bags. One gardener shared online how he/she made bags out of patio screening fabric from Home Depot and claims it worked very well: Topic covered on <http://forums.gardenweb.com/discussions/2183381/bagging-fruit-on-the-tree>.

Finally, you can build a box around your vegetable garden

Free Bus Service to Laguna Beach for Summer 2017

Irvine residents and visitors going to Laguna Beach this summer can take advantage of a free shuttle bus beginning July 1 and continuing through Sept. 3. The Summer Breeze shuttles will run on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to midnight.

For a second summer, the Orange County Transportation Authority, in partnership with the City of Laguna Beach, will offer the buses from the Cavalia lot on Laguna Canyon Road and Limestone to Laguna Beach.



Convenient stops will be at the Sawdust Art Festival, Laguna Art-A-Fair, Festival of the Arts, Pageant of the Masters, Laguna Playhouse and the Laguna Beach Bus Station. At the Bus Station, visitors can connect with the free Laguna Beach Trolley for shopping and food destinations. Also, the Bus Station is only one block from the beach.

For information and a map to the Irvine parking area, go to: <https://octa.net/Bus/Routes-and-Schedules/Special-Bus-Service/Laguna-Beach-Summer-Breeze/>

using hardware cloth (metal mesh that has ½" or smaller squares) on all sides and the top to keep unwanted pests away from your produce. Don't forget to include a door for you!

Also, keep in mind that rats usually live and feed within 100-feet of their home. So try to remove any places near your home where a rat might like to live. These include: dense shrubs, Italian Junipers (the non-spiraling type), palm trees, ivy ground covers, wood piles, and unkempt leaf piles. More info at <http://www.ocvector.org/rats.html>. Additionally, make sure that rats cannot enter your home through a crack or a hole. They can pass through an opening as small as a quarter (<http://www.ocvector.org/rats.html>).

Please do not set out poison for a rat as that will most likely lead to some other animal in the environment being poisoned as well. More info at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/living-with-wildlife/rodenticides>.

Lastly, if you have more garden produce than your family can consume please consider sharing with your neighbors or donating to Second Harvest Food Bank, located in the Great Park. More info about the Food Bank is here: https://www.feedoc.org/learn/second_harvest_directions/

Architectural Committee Report

By Eileen Tsai

If you are thinking about changing your landscaping, summer is a great time to start preparing. November-December are the best months to put plants in the ground because wetter, cooler weather helps roots take hold. Imagine what you want the mature yard to look like and think backwards to steps needed to get there – soil, water needs, hardscape.

Consider your desired changes to existing plants, watering systems and hardscape. Do you want to remove everything or change only a section? Is the watering system in good shape or need new valves and pipes or drip lines? How will weeds be removed and new weeds prevented? Does soil need amending or replacement – is it too alkaline or acidic for the plants you want? Mulch or rocks?

Landscapers think of plants as either foundation or seasonal interest. To make yards interesting, start with a larger foundation tree or large bush in the background or middle (nothing over 25 feet tall max to avoid future pruning and root issues), put smaller bushes or flowering plants about 3-5 feet high in the middle, and short groundcover plants or colorful annuals or bulbs in front. Maybe add a few rocks? That gives your yard a fuller, layered look that is also easier to care for. Try Irvine Ranch Water District's website www.rightscapenow.com for ideas on drought-friendly landscapes plus plant lists.

Remember, an Architectural application is required before landscape work starts, including a photo of the front of the house, details of work area, any hardscape changes, brochures of mulch and rocks, a list of plants and a drawing of where the plants are planned to go. Please space plants carefully to allow room to grow. The new 2-page application is available at our website www.colonyirvine.com under Documents.

OTHER NOTES:

HOAs are now allowed to resume issuing violations for dead grass. Based on rains last winter, Governor Brown signed an executive order lifting the Drought State of Emergency. Please maintain green lawns. Weedy lawns are never acceptable. Wild morning glory which displays white or pale pink flowers is a continuing problem and hard to get rid of. Please remove as soon as and as thoroughly as possible.

Irvine Garden Club meets at Irvine Ranch Water District office first Monday of each month except Jan, July and Sep – starting 6:30-7:00 pm to about 8-8:30pm. Several Colony homeowners are members. Please join us!



Make Your Pet a Star in the Irvine Animal Care Center Calendar Contest

Support animals in need by submitting a photo of your pet to the Center's 2018 calendar.

Is your pet dog, cat or rabbit ready for their close-up? The Irvine Animal Care Center is seeking entries for its 2018 Make Your Pet a Star Calendar Contest. Every photo received will be featured in the 2018 calendar, and each entrant will receive a free calendar.



To participate, take and submit a photo of your pet by Aug. 31. Entry forms and complete rules and details are at cityofirvine.org/petcalendar or by calling 949-724-7740. All photos must be horizontal, in color, and contain pets only (no people, please). Professional photographs are not permitted. Your pet's photo could also be one of the 13 images chosen by Center staff and volunteers as a full-page "Pet of the Month."

Fee is \$25 per photo or \$100 for five photos. All proceeds go toward shelter and care for animals at the Center.

Irvine's Sizzlin' Summer Concerts

The City of Irvine's annual summer tradition returns on July 9, when the Sizzlin' Summer Concerts kick off at Mike Ward Community Park, Woodbridge.

The community is invited to a series of six free family-friendly concerts out in the park covering a variety of musical tastes – from pop variety and dance hits to classical symphony and soul. Festivities include a children's play area and gourmet food trucks, with a portion of proceeds from food sales benefitting Irvine non-profit organizations.



2017 Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series

Sunday, Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m.: *Neon Nation* – '80s Music Rock to the 1980s with Neon Nation as they play the decade's hits you remember and love.

Sunday, Aug. 13, 5:30 p.m.: *Stone Soul* – Classic Soul & Motown. Join Stone Soul as they play classic soul and Motown music from legendary artists such as James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and more.

Guests should bring chairs and blankets; layered clothing is recommended. Mike Ward Community Park, Woodbridge is located at 20 Lake Road, Irvine. For more information, visit cityofirvine.org/specialevents or call 949-724-6606.

Colony Classifieds

Pet sitter: Going away on vacation? Need someone to feed your pets or walk your dog while you're gone? I can help you if you need a pet sitter. My name is Adam and I am 17 years old. If you're interested, please call 714-244-7656.

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colonistnewsletter@gmail.com for more information.

Travel Chat

Hi there! Do you like to travel? If so, we would love for you to join us at our next causal get-together. We are a small group of men and women who meet every few months for a couple of hours to chat, share our travel experiences, and exchange tips. There are no dues, with no required attendance or commitments. Our meetings are friendly and very informal. We usually meet at my house in the Colony because I am centrally located in Orange County.



Our next meeting will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, August 19th.

If you can come, kindly RSVP to the email listed below.
 Hope to see some new faces!

Elaine Dedeaux 3872 Uris Court (Colony) in Irvine
 949-551-3671 elainededeaux@cox.net

CHRONIC TACOS MEXICAN GRILL
Chronic Tacos is coming to Walnut Village, next to Trader Joes. The California-inspired Mexican grill is known for its authentic flavors and commitment to using locally sourced ingredients. We will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and cater any sized event. Order ahead online and skip the line. Come visit us!

Tennis Committee

Remember tennis court reservations are online at
<http://holdmycourt.com/reserve2/colonyclub>
 Please register and try it out - the club code is 3611.



Community Phone Numbers

Government

Animal Control 949-724-7740
City of Irvine 949-724-6000
Graffiti Hotline 949-724-7196
Hazardous Waste Center 714-834-4000
Heritage Library 949-936-4040
Irvine Unified School District 949-936-5000
O.C. Fire Authority (business calls)
 714-573-6000
Outdoor Pests, OC Vector Control
 714-971-2421
Police (administrative) 949-724-7000
Public Works 949-724-7511
Recycling Information 949-724-7669

Utilities

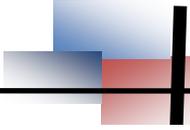
Waste Management 949-642-1191
Irvine Ranch Water District 949-453-5300
Southern California Edison 800-990-7788
Street Lights 800-655-4555
 (Menu: 1 "power outage info" 3 other outage
 3 "street lights")
The Gas Company 800-427-2200
Cox Communications 949-249-1212

Other:

Shopping Cart Pickup, Any Store
 800-252-4613
Walnut Shopping Center Security
 714-532-3152
Pool Maintenance, Aqua-Tek
 contact Accell (see calendar page for info)
Sprinklers, Douglas Landscape
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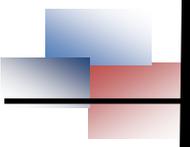


Do you have an item of general interest for the Colonist? Please submit your article to
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 for consideration in upcoming newsletters.
 The deadline is September 19, 2017
 Comments and suggestions are welcome!



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6	7	8	9	10 BOD Meet- ing 7:00 PM Street sweeping	11	12
13	12 ₄	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Street sweeping	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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24	25	26	27	28 Street sweeping	29	30
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