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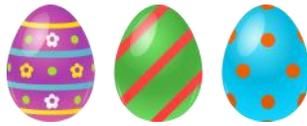
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EASTER EGG HUNT And VILLAGE FAIRE

- Saturday, March 24th, 10 am-12 pm
- Colony Park



Mark your calendar for the Egg Hunt and Faire. The Egg Hunt starts sharply at **10 AM**, so bring your basket for the eggs and be on time or you may miss it! The kids are so eager, the Egg Hunt does not last longer than a few minutes, but there will be a **Bounce House** following the Egg Hunt!

The Colony Village Faire will be held immediately after the Hunt from 10 to 12 noon at the park. This event is for all Colony residents with both public and private

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Volunteers Needed for Egg Hunt and Faire

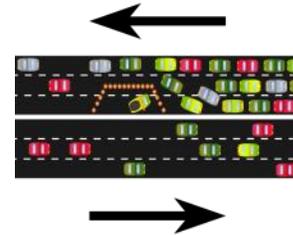
I need you! Can your family fill plastic eggs the week before the Hunt? How about setting up an hour before or take down right after the events? I need a couple of monitors to keep the Bounce house safe. I could use a host to welcome the vendors too. These jobs are perfect for families to participate together. I need all ages. Teens and preteens are great with kids, and their help is greatly appreciated. Please give me a call! LaDonna 949-559-5949

Traffic in Your Way?

Please join us for a very special speaker!

- Tuesday, February 20, 2018
- 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
- Colony Clubhouse

Steven Sowers, Caltrans, Branch Chief and Operations Southwest, will be speaking about congestion on the I-5. In the last few years, the rate of congestion



on the I-5 in Irvine has become even worse, especially going north in the mid-afternoon. Mr. Sowers will present an overview of the historical roots of the problem and what plans Caltrans has to address it.

BOARD NEWS

Regular BOD Meetings: The Colony Board of Directors regular meeting schedule is to have BOD meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next meetings are **February 8th, 2017, 7pm & March 8th, 2018, 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.

Volleyball Net : The board approved the purchase of a new volleyball net and will have it installed in the coming weeks.

Office Window: One of the windows in the clubhouse office was broken during what looks like an attempted break in. Accell is working to have the window replaced.

Clubhouse Usage: During our last board meeting it was noted that one of the walls in the clubhouse was full of small nail holes. The rules for using the clubhouse are clear about this topic. Item 4 of clubhouse rules states "Nails, staples, tacks, scotch tape and etc. are not allowed on any walls, finished wood pieces, doors or cabinets. Painters tape is acceptable." The repair for the wall has been ordered.

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HOME MAINTENANCE

by Eileen Tsai

I hope 2018 is off to a good start for everyone! Now might be a good time to conduct an annual home inspection to fix smaller problems and set up a schedule to deal with larger issues. Reminder that an architectural application is required for all exterior changes open to public view. Applications are not needed for backyard landscaping and structural changes not visible from the street such as replacing patio doors or remodeling first floor spaces or swimming pools or hardscape. However, applications are required for roof or patio structure changes in backyards that can be seen from the street.

I would walk around the property slowly and climb a ladder to spot potential problems. Structural issues to look for include damaged roof tiles or fascia and trim, termite damage, skylights, chimneys, window frames, wood siding or stucco damage, broken concrete, flagstone or brick walkways or planter areas. Look for water puddled on flatter rooftop areas that may cause future water damage problems. Emergency repairs can be fixed right away and an application submitted afterwards so long as the issue is a true emergency such as a leaky roof, broken door or window. You may wish to engage a professional home inspector to make sure nothing is missed.

Many Colony houses were originally designed with extended roof and garage beams that are exposed to sun and rain damage and can incur dry rot. Instead of repairing and repainting the exposed beam ends, consider cutting the beam ends back to the roof overhang like many homeowners have already done to avoid future damage. We have not required applications for doing this if the end caps are sealed and repainted the same as existing trim/fascia paint colors.

Some homes have fake-looking "balconies" over the garage poorly designed originally with no outlet for rainwater. My neighbor had to replace many rotted wood pieces. He created corner drain holes so rainwater can flow down into rain gutters or down to the ground. I thought that was a smart solution.

Many wood fences are getting old and individual slats or posts may need work. Fence replacement usually requires discussion and coordination with neighbors regarding timing and division of costs or if you want a different type of fence. Please test fence posts for strength and stability as some seem to be held up by plants only. Exterior paint usually lasts 10-15 years at most so it may be time for a fresh coat of paint for fences, stucco, trim/fascia or wood siding. See www.colonyirvine.com website for allowed colors.

Trees and bushes in some front and back yards have outgrown original space and size intended. I talked to a



tree expert who said roots may extend 4X the length of branches! That means roots may be damaging pipes and foundations under your home, and maybe your neighbors' as well. Check for any cracked

pavement or other signs of serious damage. Consider cutting roots or replacing trees.

You may need to talk to neighbors if their tree branches or roots are encroaching on your property. NOLO PRESS publishes a useful book called Neighbor Law if you need help or run into other problems such as excessive noise or parking. If verbal communication does not work, I suggest sending written and dated notes/letters, preferably by certified mail to Accell property management to forward to the owner of record.

Our properties come with yards that can help make our homes look more complete and enjoyable for pedestrians, or rundown if not cared for. Please set aside time regularly to maintain this valuable space. We are lucky to have the ability to add greenery, shade and pretty colors to beautify our world. I treasure the opportunity to counteract the ugliness and sad events going on around us, even in my small way. Working in the garden brings me peace and joy.

NOTE: I am growing plants in small pots in my side yard free to Colony residents. I plan to bring some to the Easter egg hunt/village home improvement fair on March 24th at the Mall park Scottsdale entrance as well as to the 4th of July event at the clubhouse. You are also welcome to ask about taking potted plants at any time. Many succulents, some terrific groundcover plants and others. Try some for rejuvenating your front yard. I only ask you to return the pots.

Also, I do have names and phone numbers of many contractors and other home improvement vendors submitted on architectural applications over the years. Some vendors came to our village fair last year and I am contacting some more for this year's Easter egg hunt/village fair. Please note that I am happy to share this information but the Architectural Committee or Board of Directors cannot guarantee the quality of work. However, this information may be useful to get quotes to compare the costs of potential home improvement projects. Please contact me through Accell if interested.

All the best and remember a smile goes a long way towards making new friends!

The Colony

By Myra Radlow

A walk around our neighborhood will quickly make clear that we are an artists colony, or The Colony for short. Most of our streets are named for artists – painters, sculptors, writers, and some are named for famous locations where artists gathered. But why no Laguna Beach?? Here are some quotes by and about our artists colony...

“Decade after decade, artists came to paint the light of **Provincetown**, and comparisons were made to the lagoons of Venice and the marshes of Holland, but then the summer ended and most of the painters left, and the long dingy undergarment of the gray New England winter, gray as the spirit of my mood, came down to visit.”

Norman Mailer, Author



“One never knows what each day is going to bring. The important thing is to be open and ready for it.”

Henry Moore, Sculptor

“You can look at a painting for a whole week and then never think about it again. You can also look at a painting for a second and think about it for the rest of your life.”

Joan Miró, Painter

“I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape – the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn’t show.”

Andrew Wyeth, Painter

“There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.”

Ernest Hemingway

“I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.”

Ernest Hemingway

The Mall probably refers to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The National Mall is a designated place for many types of art including architecture, museums, memorials, monuments, statues, sites, gardens, and music.

News You May Not Use

By Myra Radlow

During December, I got a call from a resident asking if anything can be done to stop the rolled-up advertisements and mini-newspapers that get thrown on our driveways. The answer is “yes”, but it is a little complicated.

According to the City of Irvine’s code enforcement department, the board can send a letter to the publishers of these items and request that they are not delivered to the neighborhood. In this letter, the board should include the names of all of the streets in the neighborhood and also cc the Irvine Police. However, some residents value getting these advertisements and mini-newspapers, so we cannot request a blanket do-not-deliver request for the entire neighborhood.

Perhaps the same method can be used by individuals for personal addresses. You can write to the individual distributors and request that their product not be left on your driveway. I do not know if this will work, but I plan to try for myself.

Over the last several weeks I have collected the publications tossed on my driveway, and I seem to have received three distinct publications:

Ashley Home Store, etc sale information. On one of their advertisements it says, “if you prefer not to receive this product, contact us at 1-877-469-6133”. I called this number. I had to make a few choices for their phone system, and after a short, reasonable hold, I was able to “opt out of circulars” for my address by speaking with an actual person.

We will see how well it works.

Irvine City News. This publication claims to be a monthly, so it may not be too bothersome. A letter can be sent to Jacob Levy, Editor and Publisher, 5319 University Drive, Suite #440, Irvine, CA, 92612.

Irvine, Community News and Views. This publication also is a monthly. A letter can be sent to Franklin J. Lunding, Publisher and Editor, 4199 Campus Drive, Suite #550, Irvine, CA, 92612.



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VILLAGE FAIRE

providers of homeowner services setting up tables to provide information, possible giveaways and answer your questions. The Irvine police, IRWD, roofers, pavers, solar installers, painters, etc. will be there. We are not vetting these vendors, but most have worked for other Colony homeowners with good results. In fact, if you have had a good experience with a local contractor or service, please let me know, so we can invite him/her to set up a table. This is a convenient way to start gathering information on a project that you have been thinking about.

LaDonna 949-559-5949

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Are you a Colony Resident with something to sell or a service to offer?
Place an ad in the Colonist. Email

colonistnewsletter@gmail.com for more information.

Let's Fly A Kite!

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Colony Park

North of the tennis courts

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Bring your kite and join your neighbors for some fun!



Notes from LaDonna

We have all watched in horror at the recent fires and mudslides and felt so sorry for the victims and their families. In listening and viewing reports of the disasters, lessons were apparent. Besides reviewing insurance coverage and removing hazards from one's property, it pointed out how necessary it is to know your neighbors. It could save a life. Do your neighbors on both sides and perhaps across the street know your name and telephone number, so they could alert you in case of an emergency? Do you know if any of your neighbors are disabled, elderly, or have children home alone at certain times of the day? Eighty percent of deaths in the Napa fires were to people over the age of sixty-five. In many instances it was neighbors who alerted neighbors that a fire was sweeping down on them and got them out of danger. You could save a life, or a neighbor could save yours or that of your family's. Make the effort to know your neighbors as part of your emergency plan.

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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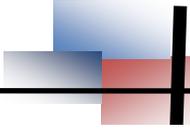


Tennis Committee

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

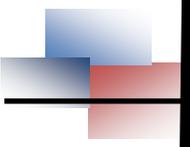


Do you have an item of general interest for the Colonist? Please submit your article to
colonistnewsletter@gmail.com
for consideration in upcoming newsletters.
The deadline is March 19, 2018
Comments and suggestions are welcome!



FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Club-house	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 BOD Meeting 7:00 PM Street sweeping	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20 Cal Trans Speaker 6PM Clubhouse	21	22 Street sweeping	23	24
25	26	27	28			



MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Clubhouse	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 BOD Meeting 7:00 PM Street sweeping	9	10 Kite Flying 10am Colony Park
11 Daylight Savings Time	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Street sweeping	23	24 Easter Egg Hunt and Faire 10am Colony Park
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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 Sat-Sun Closed For after hours emergencies call 949-361-3290

Clubhouse Reservations

Planning a party or event?
 Reservations are easy to make!
 Email: goaccell@accellpm.com
 or call: Mari Jordan
 949.581.4988 Ext. 268 Fax 949.581.9785
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