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WATERING REMINDERS

By Eileen Tsai

Southern California is again in severe drought status (see www.drought.gov/california for details - Irvine is in D2 area) so please use water wisely. For outdoor plants, water only in early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation. Follow Irvine Ranch Water District guidelines for summer watering: For trees/shrubs/groundcover/ 3 cycles of 4 minutes each one hour apart 2 days per week (total 24 minutes per week). For grass/ 3 cycles of 3 minutes each one hour apart 4 days per week (total 36 minutes per week).



Cycles of more than five minutes allows water run off into gutters and is wasted. Multiple short cycles allow water to soak into soil and helps plants develop deeper, stronger roots. Please get a sprinkler valve control system with multiple cycle capabilities if you don't have one. Let's all conserve in order to avoid harsher water restrictions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Splash-In Movie & Recreation Swim

- Saturday, August 25, 6:30 pm
 - Woollet Aquatics Center, 4601 Walnut
- Grab your swimsuit, floatie and family, and come on down to the pool for a movie. Swim and float in the pool while *Secret Life of Pets* plays on the big screen. Lifeguards will be on duty. Pool opens at 6:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk. Recreation swim fee is \$2 per child and \$4 per adult. Pay at the pool.

Irvine Global Village Festival

Travel the world at the 17th annual Irvine Global Village Festival on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Orange County Great Park. This all-day event features more than 100 performances representing cultures from around the world; international cuisine; kids' crafts and activities; cultural and religious exhibits; and an international marketplace.

Irvine Senior Fitness Expo

Friday, Aug. 31, 9 am—noon, Rancho Senior Center, 3 Ethel Copen Way
Take control of your health and fitness. This free event will include health

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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 **August 9th, 2018, 7pm & September 13th, 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.

Clubhouse House Floor Repair: There has been a delay in competing work on the clubhouse floor due to the underlying vinyl flooring tested positive for asbestos. This is now being removed so a new floor can be installed.

Colony Board Member Elections: The Colony Membership Meeting and Board of Directors elections were held on July 4th in the Clubhouse. The following members were elected to serve for the 2018 - 2019 year. John Allmann, Shanny Giles, Bruce Hunter, Patrick Lee, Truc Nguyen, Dan Patton, Valerie Schiano. A big thank you to Doug Freedman for serving as our Inspector of Elections. Many thanks to all who voted and to our new board members for serving. It is nice to see a number of new board members elected this year. The election of officers and committee assignments will be held at the next meeting.

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14382 MAJORCA AVENUE
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ARCITECHURAL COMMITTEE

By Eileen Tsai

FENCING/GATE OPTIONS AND NEIGHBOR ISSUES

I found a helpful article about residential fencing options and “fence etiquette” with neighbors provided courtesy of National Association of Realtors at

www.houselogic.com/by-room/yard-patio/fence-guide-options It’s in sections - I added comments about our Architectural Guidelines regarding fence replacements:

Follow the Rules – City of Irvine municipal code allows residential fences maximum 6 feet high from the higher ground level side next to the fence., i.e. if your back yard level is above the sidewalk you can build up six feet from that,

Also, Irvine code requires 5 foot setback/easement from inside edge of sidewalk. The Irvine Planning Dept. confirms that the homeowner is responsible for maintaining that 5 foot strip even though it is outside the fence. City of Irvine will not plant shrubs, water, or remove weeds.

Our homeowner association has its own rules – see www.colonyirvine.com under Documents for the current Architectural Guidelines regarding fence type and materials. Please note that we do not allow permanent 6-foot tall fencing surrounding the entire property to the edge of the sidewalk (only for temporary construction or a low, open picket fence for child or pet safety purposes). A tall front yard fence/wall cannot extend out past the garage setback or other forward part of the home. A courtyard fence can enclose a front area only up to this extent.

Be a Good Neighbor – Alert your neighbor about fence plans and agree on how costs will be paid. Give the neighbor time to secure pets and backyard items. Confirm where property line is. A contractor talked about having to move a fence over by one-and-a-half inches because the homeowner was wrong about the actual property line according to the city property survey plat.

Allowable fence materials per Architectural Guidelines – wood, vinyl, stuccoed blockwalls/slumpstone, or wrought-iron. Gates should coordinate with fence and can be wood, vinyl or wrought-iron.

Unacceptable fence materials – lattice-work, chain-link (except for temporary construction site – preferably with plastic sheeting to hide mess inside), plastic webbing, aluminum, sheeting, etc.

Fence side facing out to sidewalk must be finished .

Unpainted bare fences are not acceptable if visible to public sidewalk. Fence and gate design and colors must be pre-approved on application to ARC – include paint chips, color brochure or sample.

Generally, fence/gate colors must match house trim/fascia or stucco, or be Oxford Brown (SW 6041 Otter is the currently available replacement dark brown), or white

to match garage door and window trim if also white. Wrought iron can be black. These days, even vinyl fences can be painted custom colors and do not need to be white.

Any exceptions to the above Architectural Guidelines must be approved through an application.

Fire hydrants require 3-foot clearance in all directions so any fence or plants must go around.

Costs – The article lists estimated costs per each type of fence but the article is nationwide so please get local quotes for accurate pricing. Generally, a dog-eared wood fence (which is what most Colony homes have) is the least expensive, followed by chain-link/wire mesh (which is not allowed), then iron/aluminum which can get more expensive with decorative ornamental elements, then vinyl/composite being on the high end, blockwall/slump stone walls are even more due to installation costs. Per the article, consider the following:

Wood must be painted (dark stain is allowed if the wood grain does not show), and strongly advised to be treated with wood



preservative or primer to protect from insects, rot and ultraviolet light. Posts should be pressure-treated wood set in concrete. Horizontal cross bars should prevent vertical slats from bending – across top, middle and bottom of slats.

The article recommends to re-treat or re-paint the wood every 3-5 years. We can probably get away with less frequent maintenance due to our dry weather – maybe every 7-10 years?

Vinyl and composite fences are getting more popular and more varieties are on the market. If quality materials are used and correctly installed, these fences should not require any maintenance except occasional power washing. Warranties may last more than 20 years.

Wrought iron fences are not actually made of iron but from welded tubes of steel or aluminum. A few wrought iron fences and gates have been approved in the Colony. Factory paint coatings should mean almost no upkeep costs except touchup on corroded spots.

Blockwalls made of concrete blocks must be covered by stucco overlay. Bare concrete blocks or bare painted blocks are not acceptable fence material. Stucco must be with painted to match house stucco or trim color, or can be a shade of white with approved application. Masonry paint may cost more but is well worth it. Home Depot

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REDUCING JUNK MAIL

By Myra Radlow

While it seems like there is not much we can do to stop robo calls, we can - very successfully - limit the amount of unsolicited mail we receive. Specifically, we can request that unsolicited offers from credit card and insurance companies not be delivered to our homes. You can either request a 5-year stoppage or permanent stoppage. I have done this and am surprised at how much less mail I receive. <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0262-stopping-unsolicited-mail-phone-calls-and-email>

Consumer Reporting Companies

If you decide that you don't want to receive [prescreened offers of credit and insurance](#), you have two choices: You can opt out of receiving them for five years or opt out of receiving them permanently.

To opt out for five years: Call toll-free 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688) or visit www.optoutprescreen.com. The phone number and website are operated by the major consumer reporting companies.

To opt out permanently: You may begin the permanent Opt-Out process online at www.optoutprescreen.com. To complete your request, you must return the signed Permanent Opt-Out Election form, which will be provided after you initiate your online request.

When you call or visit the website, you'll be asked to provide certain personal information, including your home telephone number, name, Social Security number, and date of birth. The information you provide is confidential and will be used only to process your request to opt out.

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P.O. Box 505
Woodlyn, PA 19094

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P.O. Box 740123
Atlanta, GA 30374

Innovis Consumer Assistance

P.O. Box 495
Pittsburgh, PA 15230

COLONY FUN FACTS

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. Here are some quotes by and about our artists colony...

“On a particularly boring day, I had a clever but unfortunate inspiration. I seized a piece of cardboard, some tubes of tint and petroleum base – since I lacked real oil – and, confronting a typical Montmartre street corner, I suddenly found myself a practitioner of this difficult and thankless art of painting.”

Maurice **Utrillo**, Painter

(Utrillo is the child of Suzanne Valadon, a model and painter, and an unknown father. Diego Rivera is quoted as telling the following, most likely, apocryphal anecdote: "After Maurice was born to Suzanne Valadon, she went to Renoir, for whom she had modeled nine months previously. Renoir looked at the baby and said, 'He can't be mine, the color is terrible!' Next she went to Degas, for whom she had also modeled. He said, 'He can't be mine, the form is terrible!' At a cafe, Valadon saw an artist she knew named Miguel Utrillo, to whom she spilled her woes. The man told her to call the baby Utrillo: 'I would be glad to put my name to the work of either Renoir or Degas!'")



“Color is the place where our brain and the universe meet.”

Paul **Klee**, Painter

“I do not literally paint that table, but the emotion it produces upon me.”

Henri **Matisse**, Painter

Scottsdale, Arizona, has a long history of art and culture, especially Native American culture. It also hosts an Arabian Horse Show February, and a Film Festival in November.

“I begin with an idea and then it becomes something else.”

Pablo **Picasso**, Painter

“This idea of art for art’s sake is a hoax.”

Pablo **Picasso**, Painter

Colony Classifieds

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Behr Masonry 20-year paint contains polymers that let the paint stretch over the inevitable stucco cracks. Slumpstone walls are acceptable and can be left natural color. A low garden planter box from concrete blocks still needs to be stuccoed. Most people use slumpstone or bricks for planter boxes. Brick columns and fascia are fine if supported but 6-foot high brick fences are not acceptable due to lack of rebar support and danger of collapse.

FENCE ETIQUETTE: Tips to avoid neighbor disputes

MUST DO's – observe boundaries – make sure you have accurate city plat or do your own survey. Fence companies usually install one foot inside the plat line to be on safe side. Know city zoning fence laws about maximum height and placement vs. public sidewalks. Also review our Architectural Guidelines.

NICE TO DO's – share plans with neighbor(s) concerned before any work is done – application to HOA is required, too! If not asking neighbor to share costs, then it's your choice of fence type and color. If sharing costs, then you must work with neighbor on details, including scheduling when work is done. Please submit joint HOA application. No application is required for backyard fences not visible to street.

GOOD TO KNOW– The term "fence" includes trees or hedges that create barriers so alert your neighbor first before planting. If your neighbor is damaging your fence, take photos and try to work it out directly with neighbor first.



Irvine Unified Schools, traditional calendar, school begins, Thurs., August 23

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screenings, nutrition information, demonstrations and a wide variety of the latest health and fitness products. For more information, call 949-724-6800

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
contact Accell (see calendar page for info)

In Memorandum

Marian Ricketts, one of the original Colony residents, died June 10 at the age of 89. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, David, and her four children: Ann Hansen (Roy), Stephen, Emily Raef (Alvin) and David Jr. as well as grandchildren Halen, Mariana (Adam), Josh and Jenna. She was involved in many aspects of Emily's swimming career from elementary school to the Colony Sharks to Irvine No-vaquatics. Her unflagging support of her family will be greatly missed.

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 September 19, 2018
Comments and suggestions are welcome!

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Clubhouse	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 BOD Meeting 7:00 PM Street sweeping	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Street sweeping	24	25
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SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 ARC Meeting 7:00 PM Clubhouse	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 BOD Meet- ing 7:00 PM Street sweeping	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27 Street sweeping	28	29

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Clubhouse Reservations
 Planning a party or event?
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