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Colony Tea Social

Saturday Feb 9, 10am-12noon in Colony Clubhouse

You are invited to meet your Colony neighbors and make new friends at this new event. Adults and older children with their parents are welcome to attend. Hot water, tea, cookies, milk, sugar, lemon, tea cups and spoons will be provided.

We encourage you to bring your favorite tea and snack or delicacy to share as well, or you can just bring yourself. Eileen will bring a world atlas! We can get to know one another, our backgrounds, interests, work, people you have met or places visited, the use of special teas in your culture, share photos, etc. You can say a few words or have up to five minutes to talk, if you wish. Of course, you may choose to just listen.

The organizers include Myra, a former Board member and longtime homeowner, Demetra, a relatively new homeowner, and Eileen, current Architectural Committee chair. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to bring us closer together. Let's make this first time a success so the Tea Social becomes an annual gathering. Please drop in if you can!



Colony's New Property Manager

Please join us in welcoming Bryn Kirkpatrick as our new property manager for the Colony. Bryn Kirkpatrick started in the industry in 2012 as an Associate to five Property Managers and was promoted to a Property Manager herself within a year. Within two years from the promotion date, her previous company paid to enroll her in classes to test for the CMCA certification. A few months after receiving her CMCA certification, she was again promoted, to Group Coordinator overseeing five managers at a satellite office. On average, she has managed six to eight communities and assisted her group

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BOARD NEWS

Regular BOD Meetings: The Colony Board of Directors regular meeting schedule is to have BOD meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The next meetings are **February 21st, 2019, 7pm & March 21st, 2019, 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.

Legal Representation: The Board approved keeping Adams Sterling on retainer for legal matters and approved a review of our clubhouse rules for consideration by the Board.

Billing Address Update: Reminder that your assessment payments are now being processed through Alliance Association Bank. Please update your records to reflect the new assessment payment mailing address as follows:

Colony Homeowners Association c/o Accell Property Management, Inc. Processing Center
P.O. Box 97773 Las Vegas, NV 89193-7773

If using Online Banking, be sure to update your assessment payment mailing address. Also, if your assessment payments are paid using the Association's auto debit program, payments will continue. However, they will be processed through Alliance Association Bank.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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Architectural Committee

by Eileen Tsai

Landscaping with rocks and drought-tolerant plants and other notes

WEEDS – Due to recent rains, weeds are flourishing. Please remove as many as you can as soon as possible before weeds get bigger, preferably by hand, without using pesticides (a screwdriver works great to pull up roots). Weeds in lawns, sidewalk cracks, edges of artificial turf, under trees, between rocks – everywhere! Younger kids may have fun hunting for weeds and learning the difference between weeds and plants to keep. A yard full of unsightly weeds can result in a violation letter from the property manager.



APPLICATIONS and required docs – We have received several applications missing required support docs as listed on page 2 of the application – such as a photo of the front of the house and area to be worked, landscape drawing, list of proposed plants, paint chips, color brochures and/or samples of materials to use, such as pavers, stonework, tiles, windows, garage doors, etc. Remember that committee members need to be able to visualize the completed project with proposed colors before approving.

ROCKS AND MULCH - When changing your landscape by eliminating grass or other plants, you **MUST** get ARC approval prior to doing so.

When I drive around the Colony, I see more and more yards changing from grass to rocks and drought-tolerant plants which do save water, but some yards were altered without submitting applications through the Architectural Review Committee and some are using unacceptable rocks, materials and plants.

The current guidelines already state on page 12 under Section N Landscaping – Line 3. **“Any proposal to use decorative rock, gravel, sand, or any other artificial rock substance in front yard shall be submitted to the ARC.”** And Line 9. **“Bark/mulch must be a natural earth tone product (brown shades only). Rubber bark/mulch is not allowed. Color-enhanced wood products, in any color, are not allowed.”** That means black or red-colored mulch is not acceptable. Small or large white rocks are also not approved, as they can be shiny and too obtrusive in sunlight. River pebbles, either sand-colored, brown or bluish, pebble gravel, mixed rocks mostly sand/brown/gray tones, and walkways of decomposed granite or various flagstones of mostly gray and brown or lighter sand-

colored tones are generally approved, but again must be submitted for approval before the work is done.

PLANTS – We care very much about the types of plants put into each yard. Just to say you will put in drought-tolerant plants is too vague. We need to know the specific name of each plant and where you plan to put how many of each type. That’s why the plant list and landscape drawing are required.

ARC GUIDELINES to be updated soon – The Board has proposed updating the current Architectural Guidelines which were last revised in 2013. We will include the recent rule approved by the Board allowing a maximum of two fruit trees per front yard up to 20 feet wide and tall per tree. Trees must be maintained and fallen fruit picked up right away to discourage pests and keep a clean appearance.

The updated guidelines will also include our current driveway expansion limitation to about 18 inches past each side of the garage opening or to the outside edge of garage opening, if only an inch or two more. There may be special consideration for driveways in cul-de-sacs with limited parking access.

In addition, we are proposing to add detailed guidelines for homeowners updating yards and/or converting turfgrass to drought-tolerant plants with rocks or mulch. Below is a discussion of my current thinking – I am open to suggestions and changes before these proposals are finalized.

I am very concerned about reducing water usage as Irvine is likely to remain a severe drought area for the foreseeable future. However, as the Colony, we want our community to maintain a green, cool, and refreshing appearance overall, not look like an Arizona desert neighborhood. Therefore, we have to compromise between keeping yards green while using little water.



A nice balance of rocks and greenery.

The key is to have mostly green coverage, whether using artificial turf or groundcover plants that spread greenery at low cost. Any hardscape and rocks or mulch should be of brown or grayish tones to match our generally subdued, peaceful neighborhood color scheme – nothing too bright or colorful which might suit another place, but not ours. The only bright touches should be flowers and colorful plants.

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Community News and Events



Cupid's Night Out: Couples & Bubbles at the Great Park

Saturday, February 16, 2019 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Adults 21+ only

Location: Artist Studios

Mix it up with your sweetheart at this special mixology class with Chef Sharon Murphy of One Fine Fig. Learn to make and sip three fun mocktail drink recipes, then take a romantic ride on the majestic Great Park carousel. Couples will take home a commemorative photo of their Valentine's date.

To register or for more information go to:

<http://www.cityofirvine.org/news-media/calendar-of-events/event/cupids-night-out-couples-bubbles>

Family Game Day at the Great Park

Weekends are for family and fun. Bring a picnic and enjoy a day at the park. Great Park staff will provide lawn games, board games, and other activities to kick-start your weekend. Activities will be held next to the Visitors Center. Upcoming dates are Sunday, February 10 and Saturday, March 2.



Children's Garden Workshop at the Great Park

Sunday, March 17, 2019 - 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: at the Farm Lab

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, math and music in a fun and stimulating outdoor environment. Young attendees will connect the natural world with their daily lives, deepening their understanding and appreciation for nature. Supplies limited; register by Thursday before start date. Register at:

<http://www.cityofirvine.org/news-media/calendar-of-events/event/childrens-garden-workshop-8>

ARC

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The right mix of plants for each area depends on how much sun, water, and space each plant requires, as well as type of soil, fertilizer, pest tolerance, rate of growth, maintenance or care requirements, etc., plus your personal preferences. Care and planning should net you a wonderful garden to enjoy for many years. For helpful ideas, I highly recommend visiting the IRWD website: rightscaperesources.com.



An example of too many rocks and not enough plants.

covered by plants at full-grown mature size. I would measure it as a bird's-eye or drone view above the yard area in question. That means choosing plants that will spread sideways, as well as up, or adding low, spreading groundcover plants between taller trees or shrubs. I am seeing too many yards with lots of rocks and too few plants, most

of which I recognize as plants that will grow up and not out sideways. These yards need to add lots of groundcover plants in between to green up these desolate landscapes.

Fortunately, there are many sturdy drought-tolerant groundcover plants to suit different types of landscapes. I previously suggested the gazania flowering groundcover as a non-succulent choice. Heritage Plaza shopping center has blue chalkfingers (senecio v.) in many areas – there is a light green version of this groundcover with beautiful yellow flowers. Visit your local nursery or check the www.rightscaperesources.com website for other great choices.



I appreciate the many homeowners who are taking steps to use less water outside – using smart meters or adjusting sprinkler watering schedules. Irvine Ranch Water District recommends 2-3 cycles of watering 2-5 minutes at a time 2-3 times per week, depending on the month, so water can be absorbed into the soil rather than running into gutters: no more than 8 minutes per week in Jan-Feb for turfgrass or 6 minutes per week for trees, shrubs and groundcover. No more than 36 minutes per week for grass in July-August or 24 minutes for trees and shrubs, usually our hottest months. I set my sprinklers to water 2-3 minutes each half hour before and after dawn, and turn off whenever I know rain is expected. Please help conserve water and beautify our Colony at the same time. It can be done! Thank you.

Colony Classifieds

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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.

Colony Red Hots Swim Team Registration

Do your kids need something fun and healthy to do this summer? Do they want to make new friendships that could last a lifetime? Do they want to improve their swim skills and swim in exciting races? If yes, join the Colony Red Hots Swim Team! The swim team is for children ages five to eighteen and practices in the Colony pool.



The Colony Red Hots Swim Team, part of the Irvine Swim League, is a fun way to build team spirit, see old friends and make new ones. Parents, you will probably meet many new people too! There are daily swim practices and stroke instruction at the Colony pool, as well as five swim meets and one Championship meet, starting May 28.

Swimmers must be five by June 1, have proof of age and residency. Registration is tentatively scheduled for March 16 in the Colony Clubhouse.

For more information, go to the Red Hots website www.colonyredhots.org. Hope to see you on the pool deck!

Property Manager

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of managers with their communities as well.

Bryn Kirkpatrick attended California State University of Fullerton where she studied Public Relations. This, on top of working in Customer Service since she was 16, enables her to effectively communicate with homeowners, vendors, and board members in an effort to get things done in a timely manner to maintain, and continually improve the community.

Bryn's email address is bryn@accellpm.com and she can be reached by phone at 949-581-4988, ext. 271

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, 2019. Comments and suggestions are welcome!

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

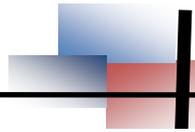
Utilities

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:

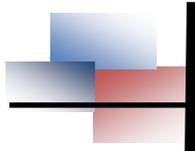
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..... 714-532-3152
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 Sat-Sun Closed **For after hours emergencies call 949-361-3290**

Clubhouse Reservations
 Planning a party or event?
 Reservations are easy to make!
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 or call: Tiffany Newhouse
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