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4th of July Colony Parade, Pool Games and Family Fun

Before you know it, it will be time to celebrate our nation's birthday. The 4th is the biggest Colony event of the year with the entire family, young and old, enjoying the fun.

- **Anything on Wheels Parade**--10:00 am in front of the clubhouse
- **Pool Games**--12 noon at the pool
- **Snack Bar**--10 am open on the pool patio



We need volunteers to help with the decorations (8:30am at the Clubhouse), Bike Parade and Pool games.

Please contact:

Melissa Allmann at colonistnewsletter@gmail.com if you are willing to help, or just show up on the Fourth!

Annual Membership Meeting & Colony Board Member Elections

The Colony Membership Meeting and Board of Directors elections are scheduled to take place on July 4th in the Clubhouse.



Polls Open: 11:00 a.m.

Polls Close: 1:00 p.m.

Please look for election materials in the mail. Instructions for voting, your ballot and candidates statements will all be included. It is very important to achieve a quorum of the membership for the election, so please take the time to fill in your ballot, following the instructions carefully. You can mail your ballot early, or bring it down to the clubhouse on July 4th.

BOARD NEWS

Regular BOD Meetings: The Colony Board of Directors regularly conduct BOD meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The next meetings are **June 20th, 2019, 7pm & July 18th, 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.

Pool News: The pool is ready for summer and heated to a pleasant 80 degrees. The old diving board will soon be removed.

Inspector of Elections: Doug Freedman has agreed to serve as Inspector of Elections for the Colony Board of Directors election this year. We would like to thank Doug and Bonnie for their volunteer service to the community.

Volunteers: The Colony Homeowners Association is always in need of volunteers willing to help with the various activities that make our community special. There are any number of ways to help on a standing committees such as Architectural, Pool, Facilities, Landscape, Hearing Panel or a special committee set-up as needed. Or consider running for the Board of Directors and work with the management team and give your valued input for the association.

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ARC: APPLICATIONS, WEED EXPLOSIONS, FREE PLANTS, and MORE....

By Eileen Tsai

Applications– If you are changing any part of the exterior of your home (including new doors, windows, fence, hardscape, significant plantings) please submit an application to Accell or to me at my home. If painting even with existing colors, please include paint chips. Again, the Architectural Review Committee members need to be able to visualize your finished project so please bring photos, samples, manufacturer brochures, drawings, or list of new plants if that is your project.

No need for approval if refreshing your yard with a few new plants or making minor repairs to your home, only if a major change is planned. If you are doing emergency repairs due to rain damage or other sudden exterior problems that can't wait, please go ahead and complete the emergency repairs and submit an application as soon as possible. We are your neighbors and make every effort to consider carefully, approve and help you complete project(s) successfully.

Weeds are thriving in the Colony! – sidewalk cracks, around bushes and flowers, in lawns, and sprouting through gravel or mulch areas next to driveways. Please make time to check all your yard areas regularly as the recent rains and warmer weather coming make weeds very happy. Sometimes weeds are carried over by the wind from neighboring yards so please keep checking. Unfortunately, the property manager is sending out more violation letters for unsightly weed-filled yards.

Removing weeds – the most environmentally safe way is to pull weeds by hand. There is a handy cheap little tool called a weed puller made esp. to remove dandelions but also works great on other types of weeds. I just use a flathead screwdriver. Be sure to get the roots too as weeds re-seed and re-grow easily. Hand pulling is better than spraying with Roundup or other toxic pesticides that get flushed down to our oceans to poison marine life. Please throw weeds in the trash bin, not the yard waste recycling green bin where weeds can mess up other people's yards in the future.

Drought – Even after our wet winter, Orange County is still considered in the “abnormally dry” zone – see drought.gov for current ratings. Thank you to the many homeowners who reduced watering or replaced sod with artificial turf or drought-tolerant plantings. Less wasted water seems to be flowing down gutters now.

Reminder that Irvine Ranch Water District recommends watering grass in June just 2 cycles of 5 minutes each 3 days per week (total 30 minutes per week), and in July-August just 3 cycles of 3 minutes each 4 days per week (total 36 minutes per week). Trees, shrubs and



groundcover should get 2 cycles of 3 minutes each 3 days per week in June and 3 cycles of 4 minutes each 2 days per week in July-August.

Multiple short cycles allow water to soak into the soil instead of washing soil and fertilizer down the street. Most plants need less water than homeowners think – but watering needs to be on a schedule. Some plants really need to dry out between waterings and will die if over-watered. Talk to a nursery and take photos if your plants show signs of pest infestation or other stress. Please replace dead plants.

Termites – Consider scheduling a termite inspection and/or fumigation as needed before infestations get really bad. Too many fences and wood trim on structures have dry rot that need to be repaired or replaced. Again, these may be violations if visible from the sidewalk.

Fence repair or replacement – fence portions not visible from public view are not subject to architectural committee review. Replacement of backyard fences not visible is strictly between the homeowners. My advice is to keep written records of dates and contacts made if there are issues with replacing or paying for fences with neighbors. Please keep all fences and gates in good repair.

Trash and old newspapers – another reminder that trashcans can only be outside up to 24 hours before and after weekly trash pickups. Otherwise must be stored in backyard or garage. We appreciate our Colony neighbors who kindly remove old newspapers and cigarette butts for homeowners who don't take care of this chore. Yes, we get weekly throwaway advertisements we didn't ask for but it's still our responsibility to put these into the recycle bins.

Free plants – I grow lots of succulents, flowers and other plants from cuttings from my yard and several neighbors in small and larger pots. You are welcome to stop by my home and take plants for your yard (I would like the pots back). I am planning to bring most of the plants to the Fourth of July Event– see you there!

Movies on the Lawn

Join the Orange County Great Park for family-favorite movies on the outdoor big screen. Light snacks will be sold on Family Fridays and food trucks are available on Blockbuster Saturdays starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bring low-back chairs, blankets, and a picnic, or purchase items from gourmet food trucks. Movies begin after sunset around 8:15 p.m. and are weather permitting. Admission is free. For more information, call 949-724-6247.



Family Fridays

June 21: Meet Me in St. Louis
 June 28: The NeverEnding Story
 July 12: Little Giants
 July 19: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Blockbuster Saturdays

June 22: The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part
 June 29: A Dog's Way Home
 July 13: How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World

Celebrate Great Park's History with Summer Art Exhibition and Retro Music Nights

The Orange County Great Park announces the opening of its summer art exhibition, A Brief History of the El Toro Air Show:



1950–1997. The exhibition runs Sunday, June 2, through Sunday, August 18, with an exhibition opening on Sunday, June 2, 1–3 p.m.

Artist Paul Gavin has dedicated his career to the celebration of U.S. Armed Forces by contributing artwork to a number of military-related events, including the iconic El Toro Air Show of Orange e Gavin's work in conjunction with community members who have captured the history of the air show through photography and collected memorabilia. Great Park Gallery hours are noon–4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

In conjunction with the Great Park Gallery's summer exhibition, the Palm Court Arts Complex will become home to a series of musical events paying homage to the park's history as the former Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. Come enjoy a summer evening of dancing to big band, jazz, and swing music on Thursdays, June 27, July 25, and August 15, 7–9 p.m.

Palm Court Happenings 2019 Schedule:

Thursday, June 27: Pete Jacobs Swingtet
 Thursday, July 25: Ginger & The Hoosier Daddys
 Thursday, August 15: Amanda Castro Band

Super Swim Lesson 2019

- William J. Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center
- Date: Friday, June 21, 2019 - 5:30pm
- Price: Free

Adults and children of all swimming abilities are invited to participate on Friday, June 21, in the Super Swim Lesson, a worldwide effort to raise awareness for drowning prevention.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m. to sign up for the one-time lesson to be held at 6 p.m., then stay for the free recreation swim that includes a water slide, giant inflatable, and diving boards. At dusk, the movie *Trolls* plays on the big screen. Lifeguards will be on duty. For recreation swim, children 6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult one-on-one in the water.

For more information, call 949-724-6717.

Sizzlin' Summer Concerts

The City of Irvine's Sizzlin' Summer Concerts return to Mike Ward Community Park — Woodbridge with a series of six free family-friendly concerts. Bring a picnic basket or plan to purchase treats from gourmet food trucks.

Complete Concert Schedule

Sunday, July 7: Pop Gun Rerun ('80s Tribute)
 Sunday, July 14: The Suffragettes (Pop Variety)
 Sunday, July 21: The Trip (Rocking the Decades)
 Sunday, July 28: The Country Club (Country Hits)
 Sunday, August 4: Pacific Symphony in the Cities
 Sunday, August 11: Tijuana Dogs (Dance Party Rock)

Mike Ward Community Park
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For more information call: 949-724-6606

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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.

Swim Team News

The neighborhood swim team, the Colony Red Hots, have started practicing Monday through Friday from 3:00pm to 6:30pm until August 2nd.

Adult Swim Lanes and children play areas are reserved for those that wish to swim and use the pool during swim team practice times.

The Neighborhood Swim Team will be hosting three home swim meets this season on the following dates and times:

- June 22th - 6am to 2pm.
- June 29th - 6am to 2pm.
- July 13th - 6am to 2pm.

The official meets will run from 9am to approximately 1pm.

All neighbors are invited to attend and support the Colony Red Hots during the swim meets. Come watch the races and cheer on the Colony Red Hots. Neighbors are also welcome to grab a snow cone and eat a hot hamburger from the snack bar at any swim meet.

Please go to the Colony Red Hots website for more information:

www.colonyredhots.org



July Fourth Fun



The neighborhood swim team will be hosting the July 4th neighborhood festivities this year and are excited to celebrate the nation's birth with hot dogs and hamburgers and candy for the kids from the 4th of July snack bar. There will also be fun pool games and a nickel toss

for the kids. Come and celebrate at the pool on the 4th and watch the Irvine 4th of July fireworks that evening from the Colony Park.



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 July 19th, 2019

Comments and suggestions are welcome!

Community Phone Numbers

Government

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

Utilities

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

Other:

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



JUNE 2019

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



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 Planning a party or event?
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