

RCSD AND RHA – TWO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING ROSSMOOR **by Dr. Charles Woodfin, RHA Liaison to the RCSD**

Occasionally someone will ask what is the difference between the Rossmoor Community Services District (RCSD) and the Rossmoor Homeowners Association (RHA). “Don’t they both represent the people living in Rossmoor, and is there a duplication of services?” Yes, both do represent the people living in Rossmoor, but they have completely different responsibilities and objectives.

The Rossmoor Community Services District (RCSD) is a legal governmental agency formed in 1986 which currently has jurisdiction over the following properties and provides the following services within the territorial boundaries of the Rossmoor community. It has no other responsibilities for the Rossmoor community. All other services are provided by the County of Orange.

- Parkway trees: trimming, planting and removal
- Rossmoor Way median trees and plants
- The triangle garden adjacent to Seal Beach Blvd.
- Rossmoor Park and building
- Rush Park and buildings
- Montecito Center and parking lot
- Mini-parks on Foster Rd. and Kempton Dr.
- Provide recreation activities
- Provide for maintenance for the Rossmoor Signature Wall
- Provide for street sweeping
- Provide for street lighting

The mission of the Rossmoor Community Services District is to provide superior, cost-effective services that enhance the quality of life for the residents of Rossmoor. The RCSD Board has approved policies and procedures covering each of the above services. The RCSD serves as a limited government for the Rossmoor community and seeks to do so in the most responsive and cost-effective manner. Board members are elected for four year terms at November general elections and, under the law, are paid \$100 per meeting. The RCSD Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at Rush Park on the second Tuesday of each month. Residents are encouraged to attend.

The Rossmoor Homeowners Association (RHA) is a non-profit civic league dedicated to civic service to the Rossmoor community, its homeowners and residents. It was organized in 1956 to preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life in Rossmoor. It is the only organization that represents all community interests. It has no governmental authority, owns no property and has no facilities. It is completely dependent upon volunteers. Membership is voluntary and is open to all residents and homeowners. Unlike most homeowners associations, the RHA has no Covenants, Codes and Restrictions (CC&R’s) that control appearances, zoning, etc.

The Association’s objectives include but are not limited to the following:

- Represent homeowners and residents in protection of property interests.
- Maintain community values through unified action.
- Maintain an active organization to speak with one voice to any local, municipal, county or state legislative body whose actions can affect the right of homeowners, residents and the community.
- Maintain a non-sectarian and non-partisan approach toward the formulation of policies and resolution of problems.
- Attend meetings of Boards, committees, local governmental bodies and other organizations in order that association members may be informed of actions of those bodies.
- Work with the organizations governing and providing services to Rossmoor. These organizations include the Rossmoor Community Services District, various County departments providing services to Rossmoor, and the County Supervisor for the 2nd District.
- Communicate with and elicit input from the community by use of methods such as general membership meetings, town hall meetings, surveys, newsletters, on-line communications and other appropriate methods.

A mail-in ballot election is held each May to elect members to the RHA Board from members of the Association. Board members are volunteers who serve without pay. Ordinarily, the Board meets at 7:00 p.m. at Rossmoor Park on the third Tuesday of each month. Rossmoor residents are encouraged to attend.

A Tax Fact for Rossmoor

As an unincorporated area, Rossmoor is not entitled to any sales tax revenues, under formulas set by the state. The sales tax revenues now generated from the restaurants and other businesses in the northeast corner of Rossmoor (bounded by Los Alamitos Blvd and Katella.) all go to the County's general fund. Sales tax from the Shops at Rossmoor and the Target-Ralphs Shopping Center go to the city of Seal Beach.