

RHA Paper Drive

In June 2006, the RHA completed 11 years of collecting recyclable paper to raise funds for community projects and save valuable resources. This sustained effort is an outstanding example of volunteerism and has contributed to a better environment and a better Rossmoor. Starting with collection of about 15,500 lb in July 1995, the paper drive volunteers have loaded over 5,885,596 pounds of mill grade recyclable news print as well as 350 tons of mixed waste (plastic bags, magazines, and lower quality paper into those large blue bins, a bin can hold almost 20,000 pounds. Total volunteer time is estimated to be over 5,700 hours and resource savings have been over 50,000 35-ft tall trees and over 12,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy (enough to power over 1,400 homes for a year). And of course, after expenses, we have generated over \$120,000 in funds that have been used for:

- Construction and equipment for the Rush Park Tot Lot
- Purchase of parkway trees
- Construction and equipment for the Rush Park kitchen
- Construction, plants, and equipment for the Triangle Park outside the wall at the southeast corner of Rossmoor
- Painting house numbers on curbs to help emergency responders to find homes
- Support of annual Rossmoor picnics

Volunteers transfer papers from cars to the bins. They also pick up papers from those who cannot drive to the collection location at the northeast corner of Rossmoor Park. Volunteers range in age from high school students and younger children working with parents to person over 80. Los Alamitos High School students include members of the Key Club and the Los Alamitos Baseball Boosters Club as well as Boy Scouts and independent students working to receive community service credit for their effort. . The CR&R waste management company has been very supportive of our effort, providing the bins for the paper and hauling the bins at no cost to the RHA.

Collection takes place on the **last** Saturday of each month between 8 AM and 1 PM at the northeast side of Rossmoor Park (Hedwig and Pemberton). The RHA encourages YOU to consider giving 1 or 2 hours of your time. It is a great opportunity to meet others interested in maintaining Rossmoor as a great place to live. You also get the opportunity to talk to RHA board members who are part of the volunteer team. Call Bill Gekler at 562-431-0256 and get your name on the notification list or just come on Saturday.

**Current Committee Report
August 4, 2006**

We had a successful turnout for the paper drive in July, in spite of the hot weather. Much thanks to the LAHS Baseball Boosters Club and LAHS Key Club who provided much of the effort in loading the bins. We also thank the regular volunteers and other young people who came to give several hours of their time making everyone's load a little lighter.

Paper collected in July

Mill grade Recyclable News Print	37,920 pounds (18.96 tons)
Mixed Paper Waste	5,220 pounds (2.61 tons)

Paper collected in 2006

Mill grade Recyclable News Print	233,960 pounds (116.98 tons)
Mixed Paper Waste	35,000 pounds (17.5 tons) estimated

Paper collected since start in July 1995

Mill grade Recyclable News Print	5,885,956 pounds (2,942.98 tons)
Mixed Paper Waste	820,000 pounds (410 tons) estimated

Remember the next paper drive takes place on the last Saturday of August, August 26, at between 8 AM and 1 PM at the northeast corner of Rossmoor Park. We look forward to seeing you with papers and ready to spend an hour or two unloading cars and loading papers into the bins.

Remember only papers collected on the last Saturday of the month go to the RHA paper drive. Others picking up paper at curbside DO NOT collect for the RHA paper drive.