



# The Seagull

Seascape Village HOA

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## BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday each month at the clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. All owners are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will not be a meeting in December.

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## President's Report

**April 2022**

**By Paul Delaney**

As spring approaches, I am gratified to see the improvements in the village. The entry ways at Paseo Flamenco, Camino Alondra and Paseo Gallita have begun the relandscaping process. The Soto Company in conjunction with your board was able to obtain some enhanced rebates from the South Coast Water District to help with the cost of this project.

By the time you read this our street maintenance and repairs should be well underway. We are performing both routine maintenance and concrete repairs. I realize that some residents were/are going to be inconvenienced. I want to thank you for your patience and understanding. Sometimes progress is painful. Hopefully the outcome will make the inconvenience worthwhile.

As, I think, we are all aware water is an issue in California. The snowpack this year, once again, isn't "normal" and both the Colorado river and Lake Mead are well below their usual levels. I am asking all residents to please refrain from hosing down sidewalks and driveways. Please use a blower to clean debris off these areas. I understand this won't do the job of the water, but we must do our part to reduce water usage. I want to thank you for your help with this.

Over the course of the last year or so, the landscaping committee has augmented the Mira Costa slope. We now have numerous areas of new plantings that contain bird of paradise and lantana. These new medallions add variety and color to the Mira Costa slope. My thanks go to the committee for thinking of this idea to enhance the village.

A concerned resident mentioned that there are a number of residents that, inadvertently, park on the lawn area. Either they actually park on the grass, or they make short turns into their driveways and catch the grass (and sprinklers) at the base of the driveway. Please be aware and respectful of our landscaping.

Someone mentioned to me that some homeowners had given their pool keys to service people to use the restrooms at the pool. This is not an acceptable use of your pool keys/FOBs. As noted in the governing document, escorted guests are welcome in the pool areas. Please do not give your keys/FOBs to vendors to use the pool restrooms.

To carry this point a bit farther, some of these service people are jamming items in the pool gates so that they remain open. This, of course, makes the pools open to anyone. What if a child were to gain access to the pool? Would you want that on your conscience? The other thing that happens is that the restroom doors are jimmied open. We have keyed the restrooms so that only people with keys can use them and they are to be locked after each use. Giving your vendors access to our facilities is a bad idea. Please don't do it.

FOB distribution took place on Friday and Saturday, March 11 & 12. If you were unable to get your FOB, you can make arrangements to pick it up at Curtis Management or you can have it mailed to you. Should you choose to have it mailed, there is a \$20 charge for postage and handling. You still must bring your pool key with you when you pick up the fob. If you are

requesting it to be mailed to you, you will need to provide a photo of the key. All FOBs are sent certified mail.

The pool fence replacement and upgrade is almost complete. As of this writing, the vendor has some finishing touches to do on all the pools. We are hopeful this upgrade will help to deter non-residents from using the pools that we all pay for. My thanks to the board for their action on this project.



## **Landscape Committee**

The Committee Members are as follows:

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## **Community Information and Reminders**

**Pool Gates...** Please keep the pool gate closed at all times and do not allow anyone in that doesn't have a key. Thank you.

**Pet Waste ...** Thankfully, the vast majority of Seascape pet owners are very diligent about picking up after their pet. However, the frequency of pet owners not picking up after their pet is increasing. **If you see someone not picking up after their pet and you know their address, don't confront them but do report this to a Board member.**

Also, please remember that our pets must be on a leash whenever we are walking them.

### **Plumbing Responsibility**

The Association receives a notice on the water bill when there is water usage 24/7 on a meter indicating there is a water leak at one or more units. There are up

to 13 units that share a meter. A letter is sent to each property connected to that meter requesting the owner to perform an inspection to determine if there is a leak somewhere within the plumbing. Some owners have recommended performing a quick test to see if there is a leak within their unit as follows: *With water not running in the house, including not running the dishwasher, washing machine or a sink faucet, turn off the shutoff valve at the front of the house for 30 seconds, and then turn it back on and listen. Without a leak you won't hear a sound. If you hear a whoosh sound, it means water has leaked out of the "closed system", which indicates either a faucet was left on, or a leak exists. If you hear the whoosh sound, recheck all the faucets etc. to be sure they are off and repeat the "test". If the whoosh sound repeats, the owner will need to call a plumber to determine where the leak is.* The unit owner is responsible for all plumbing inside the unit and plumbing lines leading to the meter for their unit. Once you have performed an inspection, please send an email to [kmccallum@curtismanagement.com](mailto:kmccallum@curtismanagement.com), or write management so that they may log your response. Since there are several units connected to one meter, there may be multiple occasions where you may receive a letter at different times depending on new leaks occurring.

### **Time for Inspection/Replacement?????**

- Washing machine and refrigerator ice/water hoses don't last forever. Therefore, if yours have a few years of age, you should inspect and/or replace them. Water leaks are a bummer! Checking the age of your hot water heater might also be a good idea.

- Batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors also need periodic inspection/replacement.

**Architectural/Home Improvements ...** If you are considering making home improvements and/or exterior modifications, **PLEASE** review our CC&R's, Rules and Regulations, and Architectural Guidelines. These governing documents are available on our website, [www.seascapevillage.net](http://www.seascapevillage.net), or contact Curtis Management. Please send any new Architectural Requests to Curtis Management. They will log in your request and then forward it to the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) for processing.

If you are altering any part of your garage door, please fill out an ARC form and send it to **Curtis Management**.

George Eachus is our Chairperson of the Architectural Review Committee. If needed, he will interface with you on the details necessary to evaluate and process your request. Please contact **George at 949-874-4739** for any Architectural/Home Improvement questions. Also, be aware that any ARC approval from the Association is only good for 90 days. If your home

improvement takes longer for whatever reason, you may ask for a time extension.

Air Conditioners, any patio cover over 125sf and many other items require a City Building permit. If you're having interior work done on your house and the City requires Association approval you can explain to them that the Association does not require approval for interior home modifications. Don't wait until the last minute. Your Architectural Review Committee is made up of your neighbors. They are here to help you.

**Feeding Birds and Animals ...** There are a number of residents that have bird feeders/waterers and/or are feeding birds and animals with scraps. While it may seem enjoyable to watch these animals, these activities also attract rats and other pests. Those of us who have had the unfortunate experience of having a rat problem in the attic know that it is not pleasant and difficult to get rid of. Ground squirrels, coyotes and crows are among the other pests that are attracted by feeders and feeding. Therefore, **please do not feed birds or other wild animals.**

**Estate Sale/Open House/Dumpster Requirements...** The requirements for having an estate sale, open house, or if a dumpster is needed for remodeling demolition, are now included on the Seascape Village website under Governing Documents. The website is [www.seascapevillage.net](http://www.seascapevillage.net) Refer to these requirements if you are planning an estate sale and direct your realty agent to this website if you are selling your home.

**Parking Passes ...** Please contact any Board member if you need a Visitor's Parking Pass for any overnight *guests* to your home. Make sure a parking pass is completely filled out and is placed on the driver's side of the dashboard, clearly visible. Passes are available only from Board Members. Board member names and phone numbers are listed in this newsletter or on our website at [www.seascapevillage.net](http://www.seascapevillage.net).

**Household Water ...** If you have not installed a Pressure Valve in the main line to your home, you may want to do so. Call a plumber to check your water pressure. It's said to be best at about 55 PSI. Some residents have recently reported theirs, when checked, to be 90 – 100+ PSI.

**Landscaping ...** As we do remind you each month...please keep all plant growth a minimum of one foot (12") below the eaves of homes. Also, any plant growth that is growing on the exterior stucco should be removed to prevent damage to walls or wood trim. Letters will be sent out for these violations if not corrected.

**Water ...** Southern California was well behind the seasonal average of rainfall this past Winter, so water

conservation is encouraged. And pursuant to the South Coast Water District regulations: "No hosing or washing down hard or paved surfaces.". It is still recommended to use a car wash to help save water and to prevent water from entering the storm drain system.

**Lock Your Vehicle ...** If your vehicle is left out overnight, make sure it is locked and do not leave any valuables in the vehicle. Please, if you see something that looks suspicious, immediately call the Sheriff Dispatch at (949) 770-6011.

**Streets and Other Paved Surfaces ...** Our streets are shared by motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrian & pet traffic, and we have more young children playing in the streets. Please adhere to the posted 10 mph speed limit and use extreme caution when driving through the Village.

Also, for safety and insurance liability reasons, riding of skateboards, rollerblades and scooters are strictly forbidden anywhere in the Village. This includes all streets, walkways and driveways.

There has been a significant increase in the incidence of vehicles parking in the street. Please avoid parking on our narrow, private streets as these are fire lanes. Vehicles parked in the street are subject to immediate towing as the streets must be available at all times to allow for passage of emergency vehicles.

**RSVP Program ...** The City of San Clemente, in cooperation with the Sheriff's Dept., has a program called RSVP. RSVP is staffed by Senior Retired members from within the City. A few of these very fine individuals live right here in Seascape Village. They provide home services of which you might like to take advantage. These services are: 1. Vacation Home Checks, 2. Visits to the homebound You Are Not Alone Program (YANAP). These services are available to residents of the City at NO CHARGE to you. If you are interested in learning more please contact RSVP at 949-361-8224.

**Homeowners Insurance ...** If you have any questions concerning the coverage you may need for your individual property, please feel free to contact the Association's insurance broker, Armstrong / Robitaille/ Riegle at 949-381-7700. They will assist you or your insurance carrier to determine the proper coverage needed.

**New Communication Tool for Owners ...** If you would like to sign up for Seascape Village news, please send Kari ([kmccallum@curtismanagement.com](mailto:kmccallum@curtismanagement.com)) your email address and ask her to put you on "The List". We will NOT use your address for anything but association related information and we would NEVER sell your information.

# Spring Cleaning

Spring has sprung and now is a perfect time to tend to your spring cleaning tasks. Please check:

- Landscaping and sprinkler system for proper function and coverage.
- Wipe off dust/dirt from your garage door.
- Clean any stains on your stucco from rain, etc.
- Replace any torn/damaged window screens.

## Holiday Schedule

Curtis Management will close at 12:00 p.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday and the Easter holiday weekend. If you have an emergency, please call the normal business number, 949/245-2753, follow the directions on the greeting and report your emergency to the answering service.



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**"Look deep into nature,  
and then you will understand  
everything better."**

*~ Albert Einstein*



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