

Rosemont Community News

Annual Toy Drive
Dec 17th - 10 am - 2 pm
in front of SaveMart

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The Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 9242 Kiefer Blvd. The meeting is open to the public.

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Toy Drive

RCA will conduct a toy drive to provide new toys for needy children. Please help brighten the holiday season for the children of our community by donating an unwrapped toy. This is the season of giving and sharing with those that are in need. RCA volunteers will be on hand in front of SaveMart on Saturday, Dec 17th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.



Holiday Decoration Contest

For various reasons, the annual RCA Holiday Decoration Contest won't take place this year. Look for it start back up in 2012.

Ice Skating in Rancho

Celebrate the Holidays at the Rancho Cordova Holiday Ice Rink presented by Allstate Insurance. Located at the corner of Zinfandel and Data Drives -- about two blocks south of Highway 50. Open Daily from 10 am to 10 pm. Visit www.RanchoCordovaIceRink.com for details



Winter Woof Fest

Bring your furry friend for some free "Howliday" fun! This event features vendors with animal related information, crafts, and holiday items. Santa Paws will



be on hand for pictures (\$7 per photo; \$10 for photo plus CD.) Limit of one dog per adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Vendor spaces still available, download application at www.crpdc.com or call 362-1841 ext. 20. December 17th; 11:00 am - 3:00 pm; Cordova Community Center; 2197 Chase Drive

Boy Scouts to Pickup Used Xmas Trees and E-Waste

A reminder for all Rosemont residents-- Boy Scout Troop 380's annual Christmas Tree and E-Waste Pickup is coming on Dec 31st and Jan 7th. Flyers will be distributed in the Rosemont area on Dec 18th.

Rosemont Plaza

Unfortunately, the loss of businesses from the Rosemont Plaza seems to be continuing, and sadly, the owners of the Plaza continue to be non-responsive to the outreach attempts from RCA to explore how the community might help to improve the situation there. The Plaza is in the center of our community and could represent a vibrant and thriving place for residents to gather not just to shop but also to participate in fun community activities. Toward this end, RCA invites your ideas of how we could improve the conditions there; what would get you to go there and do things? Let us know at our website. And be assured RCA will not give up on our effort to have a thriving and interesting shopping plaza. It is too important for all of us.

RCF Update

The Rosemont Community Foundation Board welcomes its newest member, local real estate agent David Yaffee, who was approved by the RCA Board at its November meeting. David has been helpful in creating RCF's web page, www.rcfinc09.org, and brings access to helpful information regarding the status of properties in the area that may need attention.

Rosemont Schools and the Community

Lately, the regular meetings of RCA representatives and the principals of our Rosemont schools have focused on how our schools can strengthen their reputations and become the "schools of choice" for students and families throughout the district. While our schools are already very good, an old cloud seems to exist in the minds of some people that causes some students to want to go elsewhere. This is a perception that we need to reverse for it serves no one, least of all our students. The principals have invited your thoughts and concerns and have asked that you share them so they can better understand and address your concerns. They invite you to contact them directly at school, or you are welcome to share your thoughts with them via the RCA website, and we'll be certain they get your message promptly. Let's all pull together to be sure our kids get the best education possible.



Scouting for Food

Millions of Americans go hungry everyday. Each year, the Boy Scouts of America assist those less fortunate by participating in a project called Scouting for Food. On Saturday, November 5th, Boy Scout Troop 380 gathered at the Save Mart Shopping Center on Kiefer Blvd. We were joined by Cub Scout Pack 380 and Venturing Crew 380. We collected food at local merchants and by going door to door throughout all of Rosemont. After a full day, we had collected over 2500 items, that's over a ton of food, which was donated to the Sacramento Food Bank.

This is but one of many ways the Boy Scouts of America gives back to their communities. If you are interested in knowing more about Scouting and all the wonderful programs and opportunities it offers, visit Troop 380's website at www.t380.org or call Dave Ishikawa, Scoutmaster, at 383-4692.

RCA and NW on Facebook

A growing number of residents are in the group Rosemont Community Association on Facebook. Anyone can join. Point your browser to



<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=56442853923>. While it would be nice, membership in RCA is not a requirement.

NW Steering Committee

Neighborhood Watch programs have been proven to reduce crime. These programs act as the eyes and ears for local law enforcement agencies who are often strained by budgetary concerns and limited manpower. The Rosemont community currently has 21 active NW groups. At the Community Celebration, 24 people expressed interest in learning more about Neighborhood Watch.



Neighborhood Watch Update

If your block does not yet have a Neighborhood Watch group, we urge you to help start one. Lately we are seeing a spate of burglaries hitting both houses and cars occurring all around the community. A good Neighborhood Watch group can help thwart such crimes. With the reductions in patrol services it is increasingly up to us – residents and businesses alike – to be alert and prepared to observe and report any suspicious activities. A Neighborhood Watch group prepares you to do that. For help forming a group (it really is easy and even fun), contact RCA via our web site.

Graffiti Abatement Plans Underway

The RCA Board recently approved an anti-graffiti project to eradicate all graffiti that appears in Rosemont. A dedicated group of volunteers met November 16 and formed an action plan to take charge of this problem before it takes over our community. The next meeting of the group will be on Wednesday, December 14, at 5:30 pm, at Atonement Church, 9242 Kiefer. All are welcome to join us in this effort. In this effort, we are seeking a small secure storage space for supplies, a few more volunteers who can help with cleaning and painting over tags, and people who can help spot new graffiti that needs to be removed. In the meantime, if you see graffiti in the Rosemont area, please send us an email to info@rosemontca.org telling us exactly where it

is so we can act. The intent is to remove it as fast as possible. Let's all pitch in to help keep Rosemont graffiti clean!

Rosemont Eye

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Join the Rosemont Business Network

RCA has been contacting businesses in our community to determine the level of interest in creating an informal network of business owners and managers that can allow for sharing ideas how to improve the overall business climate in Rosemont. RCA can serve as the convener and catalyst to take action, but we need to have our businesses participate to say what might work. If you own, manage, or work in a business in Rosemont we urge you to get involved and help enhance our business conditions here. In this economy we can succeed if we work together. If you are interested, contact RCA via info@rosemontca.org.

SMUD Energy Savings Program

Several months ago, we announced that Rosemont was selected by SMUD as a target area for free energy audits aimed at helping you reduce your electric bill. A number of people signed up for these audits and are now planning to make improvements to their homes – often with favorable financing options – that will pay them back well into the future. SMUD is also offering a similar program for small businesses. If you are still interested in either of these programs, contact SMUD. At the least, you will have a good assessment of how energy efficient your home or business is, and can plan improvements when the time is right for you.



CORPAC Report

CORPAC meets on the third Thursday each month at 7:00 pm in Conference Room 1, 3701 Branch Center Rd. It consists of representatives from Rosemont (Dennis Dean and Dee Gavaldon), Butterfield, Greens East and Gold Country. It reviews and makes recommendations on zoning and development proposals for final decision by the County Planning Commission.



Revitalizing Rosemont: Green Acres Donates and Saves the Day

Do you remember the revitalization project that took place last May at the corner of Huntsman Dr and Mayhew Rd? It was a great example of people coming together to improve an area of Rosemont in need. The cooperative volunteer enhancement project transformed the deteriorated corner, revitalizing it with a fresh, clean

look and new landscaping.

At its October meeting, the CORPAC board voted 3-3 (no recommendation) on the Korean store located on Bradshaw south of Highway 50's request for a full liquor license. The Sheriff Department recommended approval contingent on resolving outstanding code violations and improving lighting. There are no meetings scheduled in November and December.

November 3rd Board Meeting

What issues, projects and activities is the Association currently involved in? The highlights of meetings are presented here. Copies of the actual minutes can be requested via the contact page on the RCA website.

At the November meeting, the RCA Board:

- Confirmed that there will be another Community Celebration in August 2012.
- Approved appointment of David Yaffee to RCF.
- Heard and discussed many reports.

However, you may have noticed over the past several months that one of the larger plants died. The dead plant looked terrible and disrupted the symmetry of the landscape. On Tuesday, Nov. 1, a call was made to the corporate offices of Green Acres Nursery and Supply, and a donation request was made for a replacement plant. An explanation was provided to Brooke at Green Acres regarding the need and, within three hours of the request, Greg Gayton at the Sacramento Green Acres location responded to the call by donating a five-gallon plant (Ceanothus "El Dorado"). By early afternoon, with the help of volunteer Doug Kenner, who provided the manual labor, the dead plant was replaced and the fresh look was restored to the landscape.

Thank you, Green Acres, for your donation and thank you to everyone at Green Acres who made this happen so quickly! The Rosemont community appreciates your kind donation which made an immediate difference by restoring a revitalized look to the Huntsman/Mayhew corner. Our community is grateful for your support!

The “Rosemont Eye” – Does It Inform Our Action or Leave the Wrong Impression?

RCA’s Facebook page, the “Rosemont Eye,” is a forum for sharing information primarily about recent crime problems or similar concerns. (It is not a place for editorializing or advertising, and general questions or comments about issues in the community should be sent to the comment block on the RCA web page.)



Recently there have been several postings on the “Eye” to which some people have taken offense because they felt people described on the page in conjunction with local problems were inappropriately disparaged and not referred to humanely. The tenor of some of these descriptions was critical and to some readers may have been excessive.

It is not RCA’s policy or intention to disparage anyone. Such postings are the comments of the person posting, and we expect that those who do post will use good discretion in what they write.

We have also received comments that express the feeling, that by reporting on “The Eye” the crimes that happen in and near our community, we are putting too much emphasis on the negative and are thus denigrating Rosemont. Some have even developed the opinion that Rosemont is unsafe or undesirable. Again, it is certainly not RCA’s intention to cast a negative light on our community. Rather, we are seeking to draw attention to the problems we, like all other communities, have as part of our society at this time. In general, most communities are experiencing numerous problems ranging from economic stresses to peoples’ lower sense of responsibility to each other. These problems often lead to crimes, and they will not go away by ignoring them. We cannot

solve these problems if we are ignorant of them, nor can we just run away from them.

Instead, we all need to be informed and aware of our community’s problems and to work together to resolve them. That is the purpose of RCA and its programs like Neighborhood Watch, graffiti abatement, and neighborhood cleanup and beautification. We invite all in our fine community to join in these efforts.

And especially we also invite everyone to share the “good” stories about what people in Rosemont are doing – how they are taking responsibility for the appearance of their property and surroundings, and how they are helping each other. By telling these positive stories we can strengthen the sense of value and desirability of our Rosemont community. Only we can achieve this goal of making Rosemont a great place to live and work. Let’s do it!

Clean Your Gutters and Drains

Fall has arrived and with it our street and roof gutters are filling with leaves. Now is the time to enjoy the cool weather and rake the leaves out of your

street gutter so that they won’t float down and keep the storm drains from doing their job properly.

Your neighbors will appreciate your thoughtfulness in keeping water from backing up and causing the County to make an expensive run out to clean out the drain on your block.

And while you are out, but sure to clear your roof gutters of dirt and leaves that collect over the summer so they will be ready to handle the coming rains. It’s more fun to do that job while it is dry than in the rain!

Do Yourself a Big Favor for the New Year...

... and recruit a neighbor as a new member of the Rosemont Community Association. With more members you will have more influence to get the things done you want that will make your community better – safer, with better property values, a stronger economic base, better schools, and more fun community activities. If each member brings in just one other member we'll double our strength at a time when we need more influence to assure we get the services we need. Full membership information is at the RCA web site www.rosemontca.org.



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Useful RCA Area Numbers

Sheriff's Department

Emergency: 911
 Non-Life Threatening 874-5111
 Non-Emergency: 874-5115
 Crime Prevention 875-5852
 Specialist

Fire

Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency: 566-4000

Speeding Cars (CHP) 464-2090

Animal Control 875-5232
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Sewer 24-hour: 875-6730

SMUD Emergency: 888-456-7683
 SMUD Information: 888-742-7683
 PG&E Emergency & 800-743-5000
 Customer Service

AT&T 800-310-2355

Parking Enforcement 876-7558

American Water Co. 888-237-1333

County Hazards and 875-5656
 Nuisance Complaint Center
www.msa.saccounty.net/communityhazards

Burnt-out Streetlights 875-5171
 Get pole number first

Sacramento City 643-7400
 Unified School District

Dept. of Neighborhood 876-8336
 Services - South Area
 County Supervisor 874-5465
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Cordova Recreation 362-1841
 Park District www.crpdpd.com

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ROSEMONT HOME SALES
 September – November 2011
 Provided by Andy Thielen
 Lyon Real Estate

Address	Bed/ Bath	Price
9249 Henley Wy	3/1	\$85,000
8968 Talisman Dr	3/2	\$101,500
9401 Roseport Wy	3/2	\$105,500
9312 Mirandy Dr	5/2	\$118,500
9062 Clendenen Wy	3/2	\$125,000
9461 Bravo Wy	3/2	\$126,000
3640 Keswick Wy	3/3	\$135,000
3932 Bairnsdale Wy	4/2	\$137,000
8986 Cabana Club Ct	3/2	\$137,000
4416 Oxwood Dr	3/2	\$148,500
3501 Mignon St	3/2	\$150,000
9176 Irish Gold Wy	4/2	\$155,000
3507 Rosemont Dr	3/2	\$160,000
4302 Hedge Ave	4/2	\$168,000
9146 Caldera Wy	4/3	\$184,000
3548 Huntsman Dr	5/3	\$195,000
8945 Red Leaf Wy	3/3	\$210,000
9541 River Rose Wy	4/3	\$230,000
9554 Rose Vista Ct	5/3	\$240,000
9664 Harvest View Wy	5/3	\$245,000
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