



LA JOLLA CLASSIC HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

January 2016

NOTICE OF UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

This is your official notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Desert Shores Community Association
2500 Regatta Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89128

The regular or open session of this meeting of the Board of Directors will begin at 6:30 PM. This meeting is open to all Members. The Board will be meeting in Executive Session at 5:30 PM on this date as well. Only items permitted by statute will be on the Executive Session agenda.

In accordance with statute, in the regular session (open meeting) there will be two Members' Forums. In the Members' Forum at the beginning of the meeting a Member may express their ideas or concerns on any agenda item. At the Members' Forum at the end of the meeting Members may express their ideas or concerns on any topic pertaining to the association.

The time available for the Members' forum depends upon the number of Members in attendance.

Agendas will be available five days in advance of the meeting and will also be available at the meeting. Please remember that the regular session agenda is subject to change prior to the meeting. If you would like an agenda prior to the meeting please contact Russ at Mesa Management and one will be provided to you: (702) 750-0530 or manager@LJCHOA.com

In accordance with statute, the open session will be audio recorded. Any Member may request a copy of the Minutes of the meeting and a draft of the Minutes will be provided thirty days from the date of the meeting. In compliance with statute, if the Minutes are provided in electronic format no fee will be charged. If a hard copy of the Minutes is requested a nominal fee will be charged for distribution. Likewise, a nominal fee will be charged for a copy of the audio recording if a member requests an audio copy.

All Members are encouraged to attend and participate in these important meetings of the Association. Your ideas and concerns are important.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2016

The Board of Directors has scheduled the following meetings for calendar year 2016. Each of the meetings will be held at **Desert Shores Community Association, 2500 Regatta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89128.**

Thursday	January 21 2016	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday	March 17, 2016	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday	May 19, 2016	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday	July 21, 2016	6:30 pm	Annual GM & Board Meeting
Thursday	September 15, 2016	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
Thursday	November 17, 2016	6:30 pm	GM Budget Ratification & Board Meeting

Please note there will be an Executive Session meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:30 pm on each date. Executive sessions are closed meetings and only items permitted by statute will be on the executive agenda.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Barking (Noisy) Dogs



The Association continues to receive complaints from owners and residents about barking, whining or noisy dogs. This is truly an annoyance and a real cause of concern. Pet owners know that pets act out when they are left alone for long periods. Many times this separation causes the pet to whine, cry or bark profusely. One dog can set off a chain reaction so that a whole chorus joins in. If you should receive notice from the association, please address this immediately.

Trash Containers

The problem of trash containers placed out for pick up too early, left curbside too long or stored by the garage in open view of other residents continues also. As residents know, trash containers should be placed curbside for pickup no earlier than the evening prior to service. The container should be removed from the curb no later than the evening of the day of service. And it should not be stored next to the garage or in the landscaping where it can be seen by other residents. *Please...out of view!*



ARC Committee Volunteer

The Architectural Review Committee has a vacancy and is seeking a volunteer to serve. The committee reviews owner applications requesting approval for proposed exterior changes such as painting, landscaping modifications, or solar electric systems. It does require a commitment to be available for prompt review of applications. If you are willing to serve please contact Russell Powers, the Association Manager at Mesa Management. *Thank you for your service.*



WINTER LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

During these cold, cloudy, gray winter days Southern Nevada has been experiencing recently it is difficult to make the landscaping look appealing. Some of the plants such as Lantana go dormant and turn brown. The plant is alive and hunkering down for the winter, but in its natural state it is not aesthetically pleasing. It is a good idea to trim many of the dormant plants back during these colder months. A word of caution: check with your landscaper, a nursery or an expert before any major trimming is done. You'll want to be careful not to trim the shrubs which grow back slowly, such as junipers, down to the woody portion as you may put the plant in stress.

"Plants that go dormant such as Lantana should be cut back during the colder weather. The plant will be less noticeable and the landscaping will be more aesthetic."

Each winter the valley seems to experience a half-dozen days when the overnight low temperature approaches freezing (32 degrees or below). Accordingly, plants such as Bougainvillea which may thrive during most of the year, may suddenly die. In this regard, now is a good time to inspect your landscaping, especially the front yard. Take a good solid look at what is healthy and what is looking stressed. Be proactive. You may need to fertilize certain plants, even wrap others to protect against the cold. As addressed earlier, you can cut back plants such as rose bushes, Lantana and others, and make the landscaping much more aesthetically pleasing.

The past few newsletters have focused attention on Ash Tree dieback. You are probably aware that the deep of winter is a good time to trim and prune deciduous trees such as the Ash tree. Those branches which appear to be dying can be removed much more easily when fully seen, and at the least, thinned out. And the tree doesn't bleed sap as it would when trimming is done in the warmer months.

The irrigation system needs special attention this time of year. Owners should be aware that watering is permitted only one day each week from November through February. Anti-siphon valves will need to be wrapped or protected against freezing. Any leakage during freezing weather can result in broken pipes and valves.



SECURITY SUGGESTIONS

Home security is always important. Just about everyone has read of a home invasion or burglary committed as a crime of opportunity. Metro's Crime Prevention Dept. cautions that residents can develop a false sense of security in gated communities. There are many ways a thief might access the community, not simply through the front entrance. Here again are some of important suggestions from Metro:

- ◆ Lock all doors / windows.
- ◆ Deadbolts & Doors Matter (use them)
- ◆ Light the night. (keep lights on)
- ◆ Glass is vulnerable. (Use locking devices and reinforce where necessary)
- ◆ Spare keys let anyone in. (Don't keep them outside)
- ◆ Be easily found. (Make sure your home address is well lit.)
- ◆ Create the look of occupancy. (Use timed lights, radios, have a lived in look).
- ◆ Who are the people in your neighborhood? (Get to know your neighbors)
- ◆ What do you own? (Maintain a home content inventory list)
- ◆ Pay attention! (Listen, look and report suspicious activity).

Bottom line, apply the boy scout motto: *be prepared.* There is considerable information available on Metro's web site: www.lvmpd.com. Select the tab: *protect yourself.* Remember that many break-ins are committed by people who have been inside your home or know someone who has been inside your home. Be careful who you let into your home.

