



# LA JOLLA CLASSIC HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2016

## NOTICE OF UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

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

**Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 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.org](mailto:manager@LJCHOA.org).

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.**

Wednesday	February 24, 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

### Architectural Modifications



Yet another reminder that if you are planning alterations to the exterior of your home, the exterior of the building, or the landscaping, you must submit an architectural modification application and receive express, written approval before any work can be initiated. This includes painting your home. While we want to keep the neighborhood looking sharp, any change in color must be approved and must be included within the painting palate. We still have some owners making changes without approval.



### 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!*



### 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.

## SPRING LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

First it's cold, then it's hot! Mother Nature doesn't seem to be able to make her mind. As Mark Twain is tagged with saying *everyone talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it!* We may not be able to do anything about the weather, but we can certainly do something to prepare for it: especially the landscaping.

The official start of spring is March 22nd-23rd. In Southern Nevada, landscapers frequently mark Valentine's Day (February 14th) as the start of spring. Often, as is the case this year, February brings

**"The official start of spring is March 22nd-23rd. In Southern Nevada landscapers frequently mark Valentine's day as the start of spring."**

warm, balmy weather on the heels of January's cold. No guarantee (and you must be vigilant) but in all likelihood, the freezes (32 degrees) may be over for the season.

The warmer weather and early spring, sometimes with oscillating coolness, create different landscaping issues.

The drought restrictions in place still limit watering to one day each week. With almost seventy-degree temperatures, one day each week may not provide sufficient water for a plant shooting buds and growing new branches and leaves.

Remember, you can hand water to resolve this dilemma. Thoroughly inspecting and repairing the irrigation system is highly recommended right now as you prepare for spring, then summer. The more efficient your irrigation system, the less expensive it will be for you to maintain the landscaping. And your plants and trees will be all the healthier for the proficient system.

If you haven't pruned your deciduous trees, there is still time to it. This newsletter has carried information concerning the Ash tree dieback for the past few issues. If you have Ash trees, please make certain you remove the dead branches. *Thank you.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE LIGHTING COMMITTEE



Outdoor lighting at the gates was a priority as no-one should have to fumble around to use the pedestrian gate or be concerned for their safety. The lighting committee, Jean Foss, Donna Toussaint and Carol Klink, gathered suggestions from lighting companies for the front and back gate areas. In the process we found an existing mix of 110v and low voltage wiring, which suggested patch work needing enhancement, updating and improvement. This is being addressed at the next Board meeting.

On January 25th, I attended the LVMPD Crime Prevention and Community Safety Meeting at Desert Shores. The purpose of this meeting was to make our development safer with a few easy and inexpen-

sive changes.

We all have carriage lights on the exterior of the garage and should have adequate lighting around our homes. The suggestion was made to use the carriage lights. The CFL micro-mini lights cost less than \$ 5 a piece yet provide enough light on the front of our property to discourage vandalism, theft or other problems. A 25 watt light uses only 5 v of electricity while the instant on / off lights are expensive to use. Lights can provide 11 years of service if left on 3 hours a day. This translates to an average of (averaging over 12 months) about a dollar sixty-six cents a year. This is a worthwhile investment. Outdoor CFL lights come in "soft white" or "daylight" which has a blue cast.

If we have enough homeowners interested in putting CFL lights on timers, we'll look for a vendor to negotiate a price that will be very reasonable. If you are interested please email our manager, Russ at Mesa Management. This may include lighting for your address fixtures but has not yet been decided.

Captain Fletcher of Metro also suggested using a CFL in one of the lights by the doorway in your backyard, or to install inexpensive solar lights. The Lighting Committee encourages each owner to attend the next Board meeting as well as those of Desert Shores.

Thanks for your cooperation..

*Jean Foss*, Lighting Committee