

Orangecrest Country News

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Community Grove Landscape Renovation Complete

Did You Know?

One of the features of Orangecrest Country that attracts buyers to the community are beautifully landscaped yards. Limiting the hardscape to no more than 33% per front lot area helps maintain the aesthetics of the community – it is also better for the environment.



Orangecrest Country received a major landscape facelift along Grove Community over the past couple of months. The work included filling in some areas that had become sparse, the addition of water saving mulch and new plantings such as African Daisies, Carissa, Variegated Euonymus, Indian Hawthorn Ballerina, Iceberg Roses, Society Garlic and Silver Lace. The new landscaping was installed by Park West at a cost of \$130,000.

Architectural Applications are Still Processed Free of Charge

Thanks to the continued time investment of dedicated volunteers in Orangecrest Country, there is still no fee for an architectural application review, if your package is complete and according to Guidelines on the first submittal. To assure your submittal is complete, review the Guidelines, which are available in searchable PDF format. If your submittal includes hardscape (concrete, DG or rock) be sure to include measurements of the total square footage of the front lot area. Your plans don't have to be drawn by a professional but you will need to include the current and proposed square footage of hardscape, mulched areas and rock on your plan.

Please No Posting on Mailbox Kiosks

It was just over a year ago that the replacement of mailbox kiosks was completed in Orangecrest Country. In case you are wondering, there are about 90 kiosks throughout the community. These mailboxes have proven to be a good investment. On a couple of occasions, attempted mailbox vandalism has occurred but has been unsuccessful so far with the new, stronger boxes.

It is however, a bit disheartening to see the sides of the beautiful new boxes plastered with fliers that quickly deteriorate and tape residue that becomes baked on after a few days. Help keep OCCA beautiful - please don't post fliers on mailbox kiosks.

Drought Resistant v. Desert Scape

A few owners have questioned whether the recent updates to the Architectural Guidelines, which prohibit cactus and large empty areas, is in effect requiring homeowners to stick with high water usage landscape plans. Has the community “crossed the line” by approving this rule? Not so.

The good news is that there are still plenty of drought tolerant choices that will reduce water consumption without going to a full desert scape. Lawns are no longer the only choice for front yard landscape, and there are plenty of native and tropical plants that are low water users including non-cactus succulents. Good quality artificial turf is also an alternative.

During the hot days of August, it can be difficult to remember Orangecrest Country is not Palm Desert, where in some communities everything is desertscape. In order to create a harmonious overall look in the community, the Guidelines have evolved over time to allow for low water use options. You are invited to check out the “Pre-approved Plant Palette” which is available through the website and Vivo portal, or by emailing your manager and requesting the PDF.



To all Orangecrest Country residents who are managing to keep their lawns green and landscape thriving in during the hot summer months!
We enjoy seeing your beautiful homes!



Visit the Action Property Management website at actionlife.com and register for your VIVO account. The VIVO Portal allows homeowner access to account information, pay bills online, set up auto pay, register for e-statements, obtain Association documents, and more. Register for your account today.

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Schedule for 2018

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

August 21st

September 18th

October 16th

November 13th

**Annual Meeting
Of the Delegates**
November 13th

Board Orientation
December 18th

Location
Orange Terrace
Community Center
2010 Orange Terrace
Parkway
Riverside, CA

Board of Directors

President, Etienne Caroline
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