



# Rancho San Clemente

Community Association

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Newsletter

## Happy Spring!

### RSCCA Board Appointee

A warm welcome to Joe Lovullo of Harbor View Estates; and sincere appreciation to Kortney Morrow for her service on the board.

### Tree Replacement Along Avenida Del Cerro Median

The City plans to remove & replace trees from Avenida Pico to Avenida La Pata, as invasive tree roots have caused safety hazards along the roadway (City Notice & Diagram attached). The new trees aim to “limit view interruption, require much less maintenance, are water efficient, and adhere to the “Mediterranean Corridor” theme.” Proposed replacement trees Include: Phoenix Dactylifera (Date Palm), Koelreuteria Paiculata (Golden Rain tree), and Magnolia Grandiflora (Little Gem).

As Little Gems succumbed to Pseudomonas syringae when introduced to RSCCA’s urban forest, Board President Vonne Barnes suggested Arbutus Marina and/or Arbutus Unedo (Strawberry Tree) as hearty alternatives. Barnes also requested removal & replacement of eucalyptus & pine trees on the north side of Calle Del Cerro that may also be contributing to unsafe conditions along the roadway. Views would also be opened up. Public comments may be directed to Deputy Public Works Director Ziad Mazboudi, [mazboudiz@san-clemente.org](mailto:mazboudiz@san-clemente.org), 949-361-6127.

### Annual Tree Maintenance Update

Due to delays of Covid 19, the start date of Annual Tree Maintenance has been scheduled to begin on March 8, 2021.

RSCCA currently has 1,155 trees on Master Association Common Area Properties. Maintenance is divided into 3 areas that are rotated annually, and all of the trees are maintained every three years.

This year BrightView Tree Care is performing RSCCA’s annual tree maintenance in the Phase I Area which includes: the entry monument(s) at Avenida Pico & Calle Del Cerro; south side of Calle Del Cerro to Montego HOA; both sides of lower Vista Montana to Clarence Lobo Elementary School; and the north & east slopes along Calle Aguila and Calle Pastadero below Montego, Bella Vista, Brisa Del Mar and Richmond Pointe.

BrightView’s GIS Tree Maps, that show the number, location, and types of trees in the three maintenance areas, are posted on [www.rscga.com](http://www.rscga.com) under “Landscape Protocols,” “2021 Tree Inventory.” The Phase I area has 554 trees and 19 types of trees. Volunteer trees, such as saplings sprouted from seeds shed by pine and eucalyptus trees, will be removed.



## Fire Zone Crew

RSCCA's Fire Zone Crew is hard at work on Phase III of the Project Acacia, the removal of undesirable acacia on interior slopes along Pastadero and Aguila. Acacia will also be removed from slope areas on Vista Montana and above Villagio II. After the acacia is removed, the Landscape Crew will replant the slopes, modify irrigation lines and adjust sprinklers. The Fire Zone Crew will begin annual fire zone clearance along exterior non-irrigated slopes surrounding the community's 14 HOA's.

## Landscape Crew

The Landscape Crew has reseeded turf areas, cleared V-Ditches to provide optimum drainage of run-off to the city's storm drain systems, and repaired broken valves, and irrigation mainlines. Irrigation has been turned off for the first week of March at the request of South Coast Water District. The crew continues to reduce vegetation along rear yard fences biweekly.

## Annual Budget

Due to careful budgeting the board is pleased to inform our members that there will be no increase in association dues, which remain at \$149 per quarter during 2021.

## Mandatory 10-Digit Dialing Coming Soon

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has implemented a new phone dialing mandate. Starting April 24, 2021, to make local calls, you will need to dial the 3 digit area code first, followed by the 7 digit telephone number. Phone contact lists in devices such as smart phones will need to be reprogrammed. The FCC allows until October 24, 2021 to make this change after which dialing local calls with only 7 digits may not be completed. A recording will direct callers to hang up and dial again using 10 digits. Questions may be directed to your telephone service providers.

# Enjoy the Spring Season

### Board of Directors

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# City Notice • Tree Replacement & Road Repairs Along Calle Del Cerro Median

The Department of Public Works completed the process of the modification of Calle Del Cerro Trees in the Master Landscape Plan of Scenic Corridors, working with the City Planning Department and received approval of the proposed modification, described below.

The Trees on Calle Del Cerro, between Avenida Pico and Avenida La Pata cause a serious hazard to motorists as the roots are raising the curbs and asphalt surface and can result in serious accidents.

The Public Works department formally requested the change of the recommended trees in the City's master Landscape Plan of Scenic Corridors to include the following trees in the Calle Del Cerro median:

- Phoenix Dactylifera (Date Palm)
- Koelreuteria Paniculata (Goldenrain tree)
- Magnolia Grandiflora (Little Gem)

These trees limit view interruption, require much less maintenance, are water efficient and adhere to the "Mediterranean Corridor" theme.

The proposed trees will be planted using a minimum of 24" boxes so will be mature trees and the palms will be planted with a trunk height of 10'-20' based on pricing and availability. This will result in an immediate replacement that will not require time to provide the expected visual effect.

The Public Works department is recommending to incorporate the replacement of the trees in a project recommended for inclusion in the coming year budget. The project will include trees removal and replacement and paving rehabilitation of Del Cerro from Avenida Pico to Avenida La Pata.

We wish to inform the Board of the proposed tree modification and the potential upcoming project. Please let me know of any questions, comments or concerns the Board may have.

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# City Diagram • Tree Replacement Along Calle Del Cerro Median

