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Welcome to the first issue of *Los Lagos News*. This issue is distributed by email plus a paper copy hand delivered to your home. Future issues will be electronic, but you may request a paper copy, by contacting Darlene Pienta at (858) 472-5800.

We plan to publish an issue a week after each board meeting.

Give us your suggestions. Send an email to any of the editors with what you think of the *Los Lagos News*.

Reminder

The speed limit in our community is **15 mph**. Please inform your guests and vendors.

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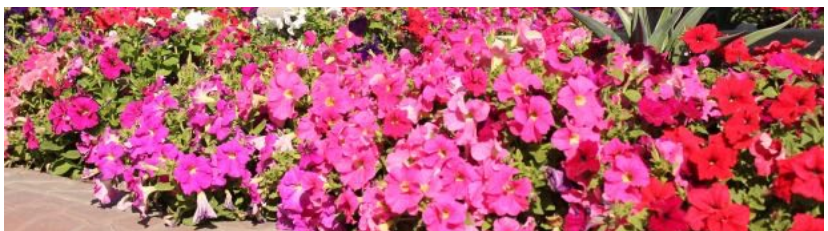
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Landscape News

There are lots of exciting things going on with Los Lagos landscape this year. The landscape team is working hard to improve our community with replacing aging bushes and trees and adding lots of color. We are a community of beautiful trees, green areas, abundant flowers, and meandering waterways. It is important to celebrate our reputation as a serene oasis in the desert both for our own enjoyment, and, most importantly, to maintain our property values.

One area of concern which the Landscape Committee is addressing is the "over trimming" of some of our greenery. We have asked GML to hold back on trimming for a few weeks to let some of the plants grow out to a more natural state, and at that time we will evaluate the



New Neighbors

Please welcome our new neighbors since January 1st.

Darlene Pienta and
Stanley Konopacki,
74984 Cachuma Road

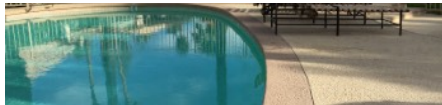
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trimming procedure. So, don't be alarmed if you think the plants are being neglected!

The committee is also walking the neighborhood regularly and taking a close look at the plantings bordering the front of our homes to determine if old plants should be replaced and if new plant material should be added in bare spots. Some trees also need to be removed and replaced. Each homeowner will be contacted if their home is affected. The committee is sensitive to the priorities of the homeowners. This will be a slow and steady process based on budget restrictions, but in time the entire community will see improvements.

As a reminder, be sure to get permission from the HOA before making any changes to your landscape both in the front and back of your homes. We all benefit from any landscape improvements individual homeowners wish to make and we encourage you to do so. This is true both in the front and the back of your homes, as we must remember that our neighbors will enjoy your improvements from every angle, so remember your back patios!

This will be a beautiful winter in Los Lagos!!

Minutes of the October 23 Meeting

The Association remains in good financial health. As of September 30, 2017 the cash balances are as follows: Operating: \$68,875.58, Reserves: \$101,427.94.

The full text of the minutes is on the website: <http://loslagosiw.com/news.html> under Community Updates.

Holiday Lighting

Hopefully you are enjoying the Christmas lighting on our front gates, the perimeter and roof top of the guard house, as well as on the 3 palm trees at our entry drive. A garland along the top of our front gate area adds a special holiday experience.

The Board approved this lighting when it learned that the old Los Lagos Christmas lights from past years were not working. The Board also knew that LED will soon be the standard for lighting. A Holiday Lighting proposal from Three Phase Electric was approved as well as an agreement with Three Phase to also install lighting around the perimeter of the pavilion that will be left up year-round. All other holiday lighting, however, will be turned off between January 2nd and 6th with decorations (wreaths and garland) removed by January 31st.

Many thanks to Gail Herr, her late husband, Ken, and to Ilayna Turcott who put up Christmas lights for Los Lagos over several of the past years. Their presence at the October Board meeting alerted everyone to the need to consider an approach to our holiday lighting that would deal with broken lighting, what has become a major "job" for volunteers as well as the opportunity to use newer technology.