



# JASMINE CREEK

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

May-June 2022

### Save the Dates of These Upcoming CRC-Sponsored Events

By Rene Viamonte

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. More information will be sent when available:

**SUMMER PARTY - Barbecue - July 30.**  
The Newport Rib Company is now under contract for this event.



**NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME EVENT**  
Thursday, October 6 (6-8 PM)

**NEW RESIDENTS**  
**Welcome!**  
**EVENT**

JOIN US!  
Come meet and help us welcome the newest members of our Jasmine Creek community!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Thursday, October 6  
6-8pm  
More details TBA!

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY**  
Wednesday, November 16 (6-8 PM)

*Thank You Volunteers!*

**Volunteer Appreciation Party**

Wednesday, November 16  
6-8pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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# Proposed Rules & Regulations Changes

By René Viamonte

The Board voted to approve the notification to the Membership of a proposed revision to the current Rules & Regulations which will ban portable (and affixed) basketball hoops in Jasmine Creek. The current wording, found on page 11 of the JCCA Rules, reads as follows:

## XII. COMMON AREA RESTRICTIONS

- A. Any sport including organized baseball, football, or soccer or other activity (e.g., tree climbing) which constitutes a nuisance in terms of damage to property or causes excessive noise is prohibited.
- D. Bicycles and other toys and sports equipment must be kept out of public view within the Homeowner's lot when not in use.

We will be mailing the proposed draft revisions soon. This proposed revision to the JCCA Rules will require a 28-day review period by the Membership prior to being adopted by the Board.

Look for more information via email and regular mail soon.

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# EARLY JCCA ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE



By René Viamonte

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Jasmine Creek Community Association's Members is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, **October 25th**. There will be TWO positions available in the upcoming election.

The deadline to submit a Candidate's Statement is **Friday, July 15th**, to allow time to schedule a "Meet The Candidates" night, if necessary.

# Tenant Transfer Fee

By Your Board of Directors

A tenant transfer fee of \$150 is charged to an owner when there is a change in tenants in their rental property here in Jasmine Creek. Previously, this fee was only charged when there was a change in ownership as part of the process of making the necessary changes to the property account. Although there is a similar process which takes place when there is a change in tenants, there had not been a charge for this service in the past. However, the Board voted in

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Amazing resources are available to me through my affiliation with Seven Gables Real Estate, including a unique Veteran Referral program, helping those who have served and those who serve now and I am happy to share this knowledge with my fellow veterans.

Over the past four decades, I have had the opportunity to sell quite a few homes in our community and I consider JASMINE CREEK to be one of the best values in Corona Del Mar. My sales include the highest priced property sold in Jasmine Creek and that sale remains the highest to date.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS. Please reach out to me if you have any real estate needs or questions that you would like answered.

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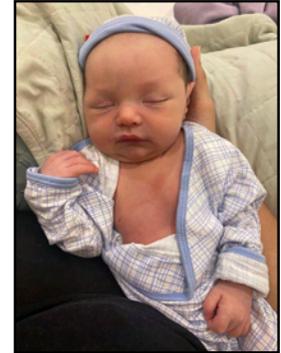
## Announcing “Newbies” to the Neighborhood!

By Brendan and Lara

We are happy to introduce a new segment to the newsletter, where we will be announcing

the newest residents to Jasmine Creek, including new births!

And with our inaugural segment, we are thrilled to announce our newest resident, Aidan Aurelio Duda. Aidan was born on 4/20/22 to proud, first-time parents Brendan and Lara of 11 Jasmine Creek Drive. Aidan has already enjoyed several walks around Jasmine Creek and looks forward to meeting his many neighbors. Welcome to the neighborhood, Aidan!



*\*If you are new to Jasmine Creek, or have a new birth to announce, please send a picture, name and brief description to [jasmincreek@jasmincreek.org](mailto:jasmincreek@jasmincreek.org) so it can be featured in an upcoming newsletter.*

## Electronic Dues Payments (ACH)

by René Viamonte

JCCA continues to offer electronic banking for dues payments. *Please note that this is a different process than online banking.* Whereas with online banking, there is still the possibility of your payment not being received because your bank mails a paper check on your behalf, the ACH process deducts the dues amount electronically from your account each month, thereby eliminating the possibility of a check being lost in the mail. With identity theft on



the rise, this is one less paper check that can end up in the wrong hands. In addition, when the dues amount changes, we make the change automatically so you do not have to.

If you are interested, we have the form at the office.

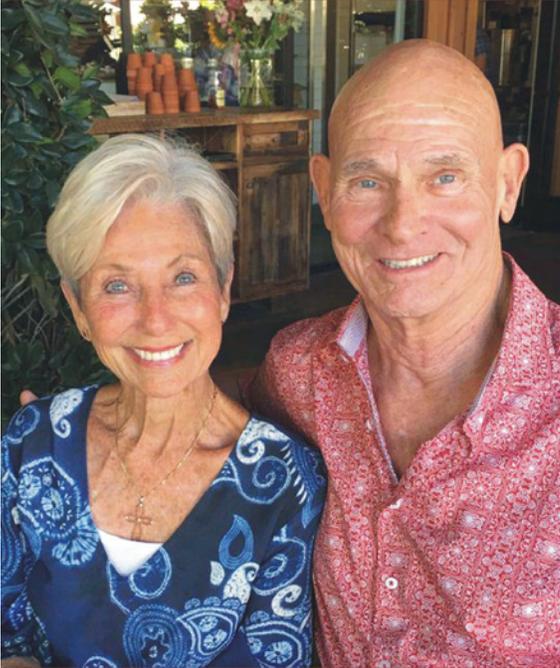
**\*\*One more thing to consider as an incentive to sign up is that the Association will save money on postage, bank processing fees, etc. Each owner on ACH means one less statement to mail, and one less check for the bank to process.**

## Bench Donation Program

by René Viamonte

Did you know that Jasmine Creek has an amazing "Bench Donation" program? Although complete details are available at the on-site office, here are the basics: For only \$2,000, you can donate a bench "just like me" in memory of a loved one or special pet. There are several great locations remaining from which to choose! To view a donated bench with a bronze plaque installed, please look at the two benches directly behind our clubhouse, facing tennis courts 1 and 2.





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## Dogs On Leash

By René Viamonte

As you know, City Ordinances and the JCCA Rules require that dog owners maintain their dogs on a leash at all times while walking their dogs.

We have received several complaints that some JCCA residents and guests have been observed who are not abiding by the leash requirement while walking their dogs in the community.

Simply putting a leash on the dog and letting it run loose is in violation of the leash requirement. In order to be in compliance, the leash attached to the dog must be held by the person walking the dog at all times.



The Board is taking these reports of dogs being allowed off leash in the community seriously because dogs can become aggressive and may bite a person or animal. Even a friendly dog who just wants to greet someone may cause the person to fall if the dog jumps on them. Therefore, the JCCA Board of Directors asks all dog owners to please adhere to the leash requirement.

Thank you.  
Your Board of Directors

## Architectural Committee Requirement To Comply With Rules & Regulations



Portable toilets must be screened or enclosed by an appropriate and visually appealing structure. Non-compliance could result in a fine being levied to the homeowner as directed by the JCCA Board of Directors.

Keeping  
**JASMINE CREEK**  
beautiful!

## Transfer fee

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favor of charging the transfer fee both when there is a change in tenants or a change in ownership. The amount of the fee is \$150.00 for tenant transfer. The ownership transfer fee will remain at \$325.00. The difference in fees is attributable to the roof inspection which takes place when a property is sold. When you rent your property, you will receive an invoice for the tenant transfer fee.

## Dues Increasing to \$730<sup>00</sup>/month, effective July 1, 2022

*By Your Finance Committee*

We would like to make you aware that the JCCA monthly dues will be increasing to \$730.00 per unit, per month, effective July 1st, 2022. If you are using your bank's bill-paying services, please log in to your bank account and make the change so that you remain current on your dues.

**To eliminate the need for you to contact your bank, please consider signing up for automatic withdrawal (ACH) through the Association's bank - Pacific Western Bank.** Once you are subscribed, the monthly dues will be automatically deducted from your account each month. If there is ever a problem with your account on ACH, you would contact the JCCA Office and not the bank. Please contact the office if you would like to sign up for this service.



## Front Gardens are a Blooming!

In spending more time at home the last few months we have seen that, in spite of the Pandemic, life goes on in Jasmine Creek. Homeowners are remodeling and updating their homes. Many homes are sporting new landscaping in their front gardens. Perhaps you are looking at your front garden with a critical eye!

### **Are you interested in replacing dated or overgrown plantings but are not interested in providing water or maintenance of the garden?**

You can choose to plan your new garden (Using the JCAA Approved Plant List), request plan approval by the JCAA Landscape Committee, and ask to be placed on a schedule for planting by JCAA Grounds Staff. You purchase the plants, and JCAA will plant and assume responsibility for the care and maintenance of your plants.

OR

### **Are you interested in custom and unique plantings for your garden?**

Submit your plan for custom planting to the JCAA Landscape Committee for approval. Upon approval of your plan and signing of a LANDSCAPE AGREEMENT (See JCAA Rules, VI. Landscape pg. 4) you can purchase the plants, hire your crew, and implement your plan. The irrigation and maintenance of the new garden is up to the proud homeowner!

Please contact the JCAA Office If you have questions about the procedures to follow for changing the landscape of front gardens. A member of the JCAA Landscape Committee would be happy to meet with you.

*Joan Stephenson, JCAA Landscape Committee Member*



## Neighbor Awareness Forms for Architectural Applications —To Sign or Not To Sign?

*By René Viamonte*

The Architectural Committee asks that if your neighbor approaches you requesting your signature for a proposed improvement, please be sure to sign the Neighbor Awareness Form. Your signature does not imply that you are in favor of what is being proposed. Your signature is being requested to show that the Applicant has approached you to make you aware of their proposed improvements. If you have any concerns or questions about what is being proposed, you may ask the Applicant to explain their proposed improvements to you. If the Applicant cannot answer some of your questions, or if you have concerns about what is being proposed, you are welcome to attend the Architectural Committee meeting. You may also submit your concerns and/or questions in writing to the Committee via the on-site office. The Committee



will review your concerns/questions at the meeting in which they are reviewing the Application. The Committee and your neighbor will greatly appreciate your cooperation.

# The Crow Knows

By René Viamonte



Much like spiders, crows are not quite appreciated as much as they should be by some. Like them or not, however, they are a part of our community's beautiful landscape. Crows are very communicative birds and are known to

have a very robust vocabulary. In fact, they will make it known when there are unwelcomed visitors nearby. They will often sound an alarm when a coyote is present, or another predatory bird.

Crows have specific territories, which they stay in for the duration of their lives. Their offspring inherit their territory, so the Jasmine Creek crows and posterity are fortunate to also be enjoying the "Jasmine Creek Way Of Life", but without having to pay the monthly dues.



These birds are magnificent. Here are some facts:

- Crows are very family oriented and young crows rely heavily on their parents for survival.
- They can learn how to talk and even laugh.
- They are intelligent and inquisitive.
- Crows have a good memory; they can typically recall specific faces/voices after not seeing an individual for up to two years. (Please do not taunt crows. They will remember you!)
- They are very susceptible to West Nile Virus

From Britannica: Crow, (genus *Corvus*), any of various glossy black birds found in most parts of the world, with the exception of southern South America. Crows are generally smaller and not as thick-billed as ravens, which belong to the same genus. A large majority of the 40 or so *Corvus* species are known as crows, and the name has been applied to other, unrelated birds. Large crows measure about 0.5 metre (20 inches) long, with wingspans that can reach 1 metre (39 inches).

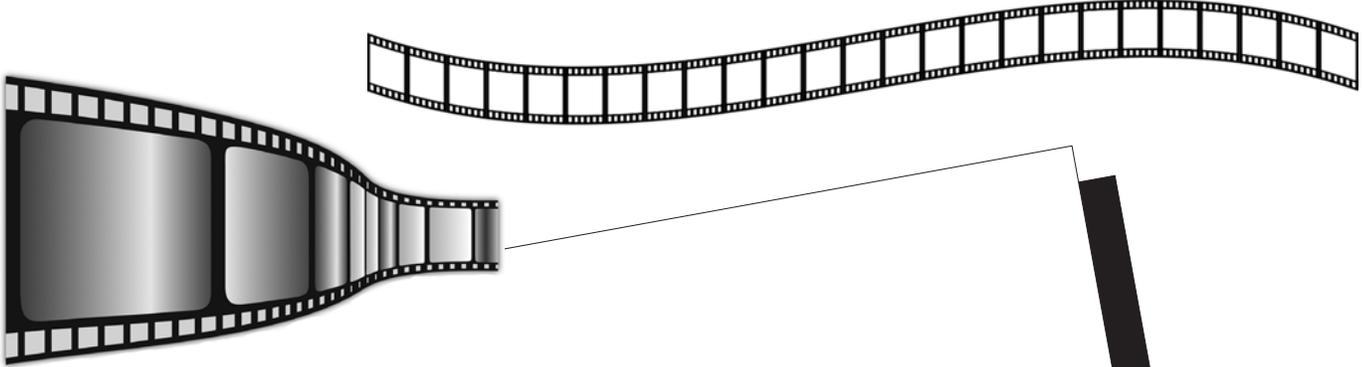
Crows feed chiefly on the ground, where they walk about purposefully. They are omnivores that enjoy meat and may even attack and kill young, weak animals. This habit makes them unpopular with farmers, as does the bird's propensity to raid grain crops. Berries, insects, the eggs of other birds, and carrion are also eaten. Crows will make off with shreds of roadkill and store tidbits in trees, caching the meat like a leopard does for later consumption. Sometimes they bury seeds or store them in crevices in bark. They occasionally steal food from other animals, sometimes cooperating with other crows to raid food from otters, vultures, and water birds.



## PRIVACY POLICY

By René Viamonte

NOTE: In an effort to respect each Owner's privacy, we will not remove a name from an account unless we receive the request, in writing, from the Owner. This is true in cases of death, divorce, etc. Therefore, please notify us of any changes, in writing.



Hello Jasmine Creek,

My name is Martina Moussa and I am an intern for The Newport Beach Film Festival, based in Orange County. We support the creation and advancement of innovative and artistic cinematic works from both emerging and seasoned filmmakers and proudly embrace the passion, vision and independent spirit of these talented artists.

We are currently outreaching for seniors interested in reviewing these emerging films for our festival's upcoming 23rd annual edition.

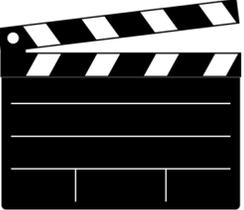
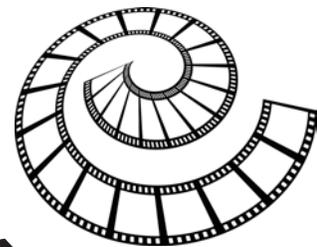
As a reviewer, participants will have the opportunity to watch and write reviews on unreleased feature films & short films. The seniors' review would help make a significant impact on deciding which films would be screened for our 23rd annual Newport Beach Film Festival.

The reviewing system is through an easy to access online database where seniors would be able to pick and choose what films they would like to review. With a personal login, the seniors will sign a reviewer agreement and can begin streaming films at their convenience in the comfort of their homes.

We have documents for the Reviewer Manual, Reviewing Instructions and a visual guide below so you can become familiar with this process. Each reviewer will receive these items once they sign up. If you have any questions, concerns, or issues we are here to help guide you through this process. We are available anytime by phone and email.

We look forward to partnering with your community as a part of our reviewing team!

Sincerely,  
Martina Moussa  
The Newport Beach Film Festival



**There is no deadline for signing up to become a reviewer! Applications are accepted as they are received.**

# May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 <b>Board 4:30p (resch 4/21 mtg)</b>	4 <b>Trash Day</b>	5	6 <b>Landscape 4p</b>	7
8	9	10	11 <b>Trash Day</b>	12 <b>Architectural 5p</b>	13	14
15 	16	17	18 <b>Trash Day</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24 <b>Finance 4p</b>	25 <b>Trash Day</b>	26	27	28
29	30 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	31 <b>Board 4:30p</b>				

# June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>Trash Day</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>Landscape 4p</b>	8 <b>Trash Day</b>	9 <b>Architectural 5p</b>	10	11
12	13 <b>Community Relations 4p</b>	14	15 <b>Trash Day</b>	16	17	18
19	20	21 <b>Finance 4p</b>	22 <b>Trash Day</b>	23	24	25
26	27	28 <b>Board 4:30p</b>	29 <b>Trash Day</b>	30		



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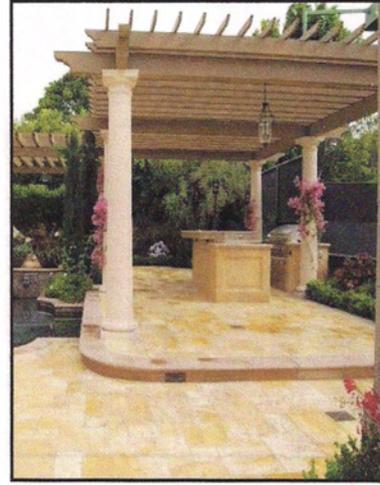
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## Online-Only Newsletter?

By René Viamonte

In an effort to keep costs down, as well as keeping up with the times, it has been suggested that we move to an online-only version of the Jasmine Creek Newsletter. To keep the community updated, we will encourage more visits to the website, where the newsletters are currently posted.

Additionally, we will post pertinent updates about upcoming elections, landscape projects and, if approved, status updates about the Main Entry/Clubhouse/Main Pool remodeling project. We will also continue to send email newflash alerts. We would like to hear from you about whether you believe that this proposed change will better serve the community. Please send us an email to [jasminecreek@jasminecreek.org](mailto:jasminecreek@jasminecreek.org), or drop a note at the on-site office with your comments.

Depending on the feedback we receive, this change would not go into effect any sooner than July, 2022.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your feedback about this proposed change. We would still like to hear from others regarding the option of an online-only newsletter, so please be sure to send in your comments if you have not done so already. The feedback received has been provided to the Board and Committees for their review.

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