

October 15, 2011 – Feeding Wildlife

Some of our Corona del Mar communities are finding wild life (such as raccoons and coyotes) near their homes. We talked to Dick Newell of OC Trackers to find out what we can do to deter these “visitors” which create problems in our yards and potential danger to our children while playing outdoors. Please visit our website to read Dick’s article, and be sure to share the information with your neighbors who may not be members of CdMRA.

CdMRA Website: [www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org)  
Printable copy of the article: <http://cdmra.org/docs/wildlifefeeding.pdf>  
OC Trackers Website: [www.OCTrackers.com](http://www.OCTrackers.com)

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October 15, 2011 Blue Gum Eucalyptus Update

Please visit our website for a recap of the October 13 meeting regarding the Corona del Mar Blue Gum Eucalyptus. During the week of October 17, driving on Fourth Ave may be difficult. Also note parking restrictions posted in affected areas along Fourth.

CdMRA Website: [www.CdMRA.org](http://www.CdMRA.org)

Additional information can be found at Corona del Mar Today’s site:  
<http://www.coronadelmartoday.com/23402/home/city-will-remove-33-blue-gums-officials-say-at-cdm-town-meeting/>

We will keep you posted as future PB&R meetings are scheduled to discuss tree species replacements for the Blue Gum Eucalyptus. These will be publicly noticed meetings which will accommodate public comment.

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October 11, 2011 Newsletter

Days are getting shorter and cooler as Fall arrives. The recent rains have caused some problems to become apparent which now need our attention. We also need to take a look around our homes and take stock of issues that may present safety concerns from longer nights, use of fireplaces, and drying shrubs and landscaping around our homes. We hope you will find the following information on these topics useful. We’ve also highlighted a couple of important upcoming events that we think will be of interest to our members.

**Event Highlights**

- Oct 11 @ 7:00 pm: City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers (Redistricting & Waiver of G1 Policy regarding PB&R October 13 meeting)
- Oct 13 @ 6:00 pm: Special Meeting/Town Hall – Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission, Oasis Evelyn Hart Event Center
  - CdM Eucalyptus Review and Recommendations
  - Staff Report – [click here](#)
  - Agenda – [click here](#)
- Oct 17-30 All Day: Central Library limited access due to construction

- Oct 20 @ 7:30 am: CdMRA Board Meeting @ Oasis Senior Center – Guest Speaker NB Fire Marshal Ron Gamble on Fire Prevention
- Oct 20 @ 5:00 pm: ALERTOC Phone Test – Newport Beach residents landlines will be tested by this reverse 911 system (see below for details)
- Nov 06 @ 2:00 am: Daylight Savings Time ends. NBPD recommends you adjust outdoor lighting for added nighttime safety
- Nov 11, 2011: Gas-powered leaf blower ban goes into effect (see details below)
- Nov 16 @ 4:00 pm: CdM Citizens Advisory Panel/Revitalization Committee Meeting @ Oasis Senior Center

You will find detailed information about these events and others (such as Bicycle Safety and Aviation Committee meetings) on our website. Please visit [www.CdMRA.org](http://www.CdMRA.org) often for news and updates.

### **Featured News Items**

#### **CdM Blue Gum Eucalyptus Town Hall/PB&R Meeting**

As mentioned in our October 7 email, the City is aggressively taking action to protect residents' safety in the short term while investigating longer-term solutions for appropriate tree maintenance and selection in residential areas. The City has scheduled the October 13 Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Meeting/Town Hall Meeting to inform residents of their study and recommendations and to provide a forum for public comment. We encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity and plan to attend October 13, 6:00pm, Oasis Evelyn Hart Event Center. Agenda and staff report links are listed above and on our website ([www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org)).

#### **Great Shakeout Exercise – Phone Alert System Test**

The City of Newport Beach will participate in the statewide disaster preparedness “Great Shakeout” exercise. As part of the exercise, the City of Newport Beach, along with 29 other Orange County cities, will complete a **test** of the Alert OC mass notification system to all residents at 5:00 pm. All residential phone numbers in Newport Beach will receive the **TEST** call starting at 5:00 pm. In the event of a real emergency, you may not be at home to receive these calls. That’s why the City encourages Newport Beach residents to also register cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses so that you can be contacted wherever you happen to be in the event of an emergency. To register your additional contact information go to: [www.AlertOC.com](http://www.AlertOC.com).

#### **October/November Safety Tips**

Fire season peaks here in Southern California this time of year when brush is dry and Santa Ana winds blow. Take a few minutes to review a few key Fire Prevention tips to keep your home and surroundings safe from fire. This is especially important for those of you who live near Buck Gully and Morning Canyon. And if you haven’t yet installed a Carbon Monoxide alarm, consider doing so now. As we begin to close up our homes in the cooler weather, these alarms are even more important for our families. For detailed tips and information, visit our website or [click here](#). As days grow shorter, it’s also time to consider adjusting your outdoor lighting to accommodate the longer night-time hours. It’s an important safety tip and crime-prevention deterrent. And whether it’s your vehicle or your home, be sure to keep doors and windows locked and alarms activated. Let’s each do our part to keep our community safe.

**Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban – Effective November 11, 2011**

This is an important reminder about the upcoming ban on the use of leaf blowers on residential properties. The City's website has detailed and helpful information about this ban and its enforcement. The City has also posted a bi-lingual flyer that you can give to your gardeners. Don't delay. Give your gardeners and landscape professionals ample time to adjust to the new rules.

- For details, [click here](#).
- For a copy of the bi-lingual flyer, [click here](#).

**Next Email Newsletter**

Let us know if there is a topic you'd like to see covered in our next email newsletter. We'd be happy to hear from you.

**Membership Dues Reminder**

2011 is quickly drawing to a close. 60% of our members still have **not** paid their dues. Your dues are the only way we can provide our members with newsletters, website, our Annual Town Meeting, and other special-events like the proposed Airport Forum. If you haven't yet paid your dues, please do so without further delay. If you'd like us to check on your payment status, simply email [Info@Cdmra.org](mailto:Info@Cdmra.org). If any of your contact information has changed, print a Renewal Form from our website ([click here](#)) and mail it in with your payment.

We accept Pay Pal, electronic payment through your bank or personal check.

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August 29, 2011 Newsletter

Summer is quickly coming to an end. We hope you all enjoyed a little down-time these last couple of months tending gardens, taking vacations, catching up on reading, etc. Now that our Summer activities have come to an end, we are back in full swing and wanted to bring you up to date on a couple of important events and topics.

**Event Highlights**

- Aug 31, 4:00 pm, Oasis Senior Center: Corona del Mar Advisory Committee – Revitalization Project (MacArthur Gateway)
- Sep 05: Labor Day (City Offices closed; no street sweeping; no construction or lawn equipment use permitted; trash pickup delayed one day)
- Sep 11, starting at 10:00 am, Big Corona State Beach: CdM Chamber's Coastline Car Classic
- Sep 17, starting at 10:00 am, Central Library Patio: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Newport Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo
- Sep 22, 7:00 pm, Fire Station #7: Fall CERT Training begins (Tue/Thu evening classes)
- Oct 08, 8:30 am, Fire Station #7: Fall CERT Training begins (Saturday classes)

You will find detailed information about these events and others (such as Recovery Facility Update Conference, Urban Cycling Workshop, Council and Committee meetings and more) on our website. Please visit [www.CdMRA.org](http://www.CdMRA.org) often for news and updates.

### **Bob Sattler Remembered**

CdMRA wants to take a moment to honor our memories of Bob Sattler. Bob was a founding member of CdMRA's Board when the organization was started in 1987 by Phil Sansone. Bob was a fixture at every meeting and every event, and was a great promoter of our organization. After "retiring" from the Board, Bob remained an active member, staying in touch through his neighbors and reading all our agendas, minutes and newsletters. We thank Bob for his generosity and commitment to CdMRA and its mission. We will miss him. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. You can read more about Bob's life history on our website at <http://cdmra.org/historicallyimportant.html>

### **Featured News Items**

#### **1. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month – Are You and Your Family Prepared?**

We hope you will join our CdM CERT Volunteers, along with volunteers from all over Newport Beach, on September 17 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NB Disaster Preparedness Expo held from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Central Library. This is an all-ages event, with fun activities for the kids, information about the various programs and training that Newport Beach offers free to its residents, emergency supply kits (make-your-own instructions and ready-to-go kits for sale) and much more. There will also be information about the Fall CERT Training Program, also free for residents, that starts up on September 22 (for Tuesday/Thursday evening classes) and on October 8 (for all-day Saturday classes).

Corona del Mar is particularly susceptible to earthquake damage, flooding and tsunami threats in the low-lying areas, wildfires in Buck Gully or Morning Canyon, as well as hazardous conditions from the air and roadways, particularly along Coast Highway. Don't wait until you get an evacuation order, or are required to "shelter in place" for up to a week. Prepare your families and pets now for the most likely disaster or emergency. Food, water, medications, pet supplies and carriers . . . all will be needed by your family in an emergency whether you are required to stay at home or evacuate. The City's emergency personnel will not be available for several days following a disaster. All cities have emergency assessment protocols that they are required to perform before they can provide help. Most East Coast residents didn't plan for the unexpected earthquake this month, and are now desperately trying to prepare for Hurricane Irene.

**Don't be caught off guard. It's easy to be prepared: 1. Make a plan 2. Get trained 3. Build a kit. It's the least you can do for your family.**

#### **2. Trash – Unsightly and Unhealthy**

No one wants to see trash cluttering our streets and alleys, unsightly and unsanitary conditions that attract disease-carrying rodents and birds, not to mention attracting unwanted "visitors" to our community (for example coyotes and scavengers). The City has rules and ordinances in place regarding refuse and trash, which if followed by everyone results in a cleaner, more sanitary and safer community.

The City recently passed a new ordinance which now makes trash scavenging a misdemeanor violation. Just as we encourage our members to keep their home and vehicle doors and windows locked to prevent burglaries, we also encourage our members to keep their trash containers stowed and secured to prevent unwanted scavengers from roaming our streets, alleys and yards.

For your convenience, you can find the applicable Municipal Code sections covering trash container specifications, trash container storage, and hours that trash containers may be placed on the streets or in the alleys for collection on our website. For example, trash containers cannot be stored on streets or alleys except for collection starting 7:00pm on the evening before collection and ending 7:00pm on collection day. For more details on this topic, visit our website at <http://cdmra.org/docs/municodetrash.pdf>. Let's each do our part to keep our community safe, secure and clutter-free.

### **3. RSVP – All About The Airport**

Over the last six months, there has been much discussion and news about John Wayne Airport and air traffic. The airport is undergoing a major expansion project, new departure flight paths have created new issues for Corona del Mar residents, and the Settlement Agreement negotiations are poised to begin, which will include criteria covering passenger capacity levels, hours of operations, and more. CdMRA is considering sponsoring a Membership Forum with Q&A on this specific topic, including participants from the City, County, JWA and various Citizen Groups such as Airport Working Group and AirFair.

We expect to hold this forum at the Oasis Senior Center, starting at 6:00pm, during the first or third week of October. To get speaker commitments, we need a general idea of meeting attendance. If you are interested in attending a meeting on this topic, **please RSVP by [clicking here](#)**. We will then add your name to our Airport Forum Mailing List and provide you with details as they are finalized.

### **Next Email Newsletter**

Let us know if there is a topic you'd like to see covered in our next email newsletter. We'd be happy to hear from you. We plan to cover the new Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban which goes into effect November 10, 2011, and will also provide Fire Prevention and Preparedness tips and information that will be helpful as we approach the height of our fire season.

### **Thank You**

We appreciate your continuing support which provides us with the resources needed for our website, newsletters and our member meetings like the one discussed above. Your membership is current and there is no balance due. We do encourage you to talk to your neighbors about joining. We have a very nice Thank You Gift for new-member referrals. We'd like to send one your way!

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April 18, 2011 Newsletter

**Corona del Mar Annual Town Meeting | Wednesday, April 20, 2011 | Sherman Library & Gardens Patio**

(Please use rear entrance; parking in the rear is limited; parking is also available in the lot on Dahlia @ Coast Hwy)

- 5:00pm – 6:00pm: Social Hour & Information Expo – Showcasing Our Resident Volunteers
- 6:00pm – 6:40pm: BID Speakers Program – CdM Projects and Programs
- 6:45pm – 7:30pm: CdMRA Speakers Panel – Highway Safety in Corona del Mar (Motorists, Pedestrians & Cyclists)

The Corona del Mar Annual Town Meeting, held annually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in April, is jointly sponsored by the Residents Association and Business Improvement District. The Agenda is available on our website; [click here](#).

This year, our Information Expo/Social Hour will showcase resident volunteers who give their time, energy and focus to many important activities and services that provide a great benefit to all, including those who volunteer with the NBPD, NPSFD, Library, Oasis and more.

The Speakers Program includes a presentation by Steve Badum on Public Works projects in Corona del Mar as well as updates on the Vision Plan and the Shop CdM Incentive Program (VIP Cards). Then Chief Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner will be leading the Speakers Panel on Highway Safety in Corona del Mar. This panel will discuss the upcoming “sharrows” (share the road) proposal, as well as other street safety issues in Corona del Mar (pedestrian jaywalking, texting and cell phone use while driving, and well as other issues).

If you’ve attended our Annual Town Meetings before, you know what great events they are. If you haven’t yet, don’t wait any longer to do so. You may even win one of the great door prizes donated by several of our local Corona del Mar businesses. The 2011 Annual Meeting is shaping up to be great community event!

**CdMRA Monthly Board Meeting | Thursday, April 21, 2011 @ 7:30am | Newport Beach Country Club**

This month our guest speaker will be Matt Cosyion from Newport Beach Code Enforcement Department. He and several code enforcement officers will be speaking about Code Enforcement’s goals and community outreach efforts. A copy of this meeting’s agenda is on our website; [click here](#).

**Earthquake & Tsunami Awareness Workshop  
Tuesday, April 26, 2011 | 6:30pm – 8:00pm | Oasis Senior Center – Free Admission**

Plan to attend this FREE workshop open to all Newport Beach residents. See samples of preparedness kits you can make or buy. Learn first-hand from the City’s Emergency Management & Preparedness personnel what you can do today to prepare your family against a disaster such as the March 11 earthquake and tsunami which devastated parts of Japan. Don’t wait until it’s too late. Make the commitment to yourself and your family to do something today! For more information about this event, visit [click here](#).

### **Spring Newsletter**

Our Spring Newsletter is in the mail and on its way to you. There is much going on in Corona del Mar, so this newsletter will be a little larger than previous ones. We hope you will find it interesting and informative. We appreciate any feedback you wish to share with us on specific articles. And we also encourage you to take our Annual Resident Survey which is included in this edition. In 2010 we polled CdM residents on issues such as Zoning Code changes and shopping opportunities in Corona del Mar. As a result of your responses, CdM retained its 1.5 floor-area-limit for residential dwellings and three of the top five stores you identified as desirable for CdM shoppers have opened, or are in the process of opening, in Corona del Mar! Your opinions do count, and we thank you for taking the time to share them. If you can't wait for your mail carrier to deliver CdMRA's Newsletter, you can read it on our website; just [click here](#).

### **Member Referrals**

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 20. And be sure to bring your friends and neighbors too. You will receive a nice Thank You gift if your neighbors to join because of your referral. We will have membership applications and renewal forms handy throughout the event. See you there!

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March 21, 2011 Newsletter

### **Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban**

On Tuesday, March 22, City Council will review the proposed ordinance banning residential use of gas-powered leaf blowers. As you may remember, CdMRA polled its members several times over the last several years, and received an overwhelming response to restrict in some way the use of leaf blowers in our community.

Following are several links you may find helpful as a refresher on this topic.

- CdMRA Survey History: <http://cdmra.org/feedbackleafblowers.html>
- Asst City Manager's Letter: <http://cdmra.org/docs/issueleafblowers/HOALeafblowerletter1102.pdf>
- City Staff Report: [http://newportbeach.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=26&event\\_id=59&meta\\_id=110918](http://newportbeach.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=26&event_id=59&meta_id=110918)

The meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chambers Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00pm. If you are not able to attend the meeting but want to send comments, you can email City Council by [clicking here](#).

Also on Tuesday night's council agenda is a discussion on outsourcing parking meters and parking enforcement. The staff report on this topic can be found here: [http://newportbeach.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=26&event\\_id=59&meta\\_id=110922](http://newportbeach.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=26&event_id=59&meta_id=110922)

**Save the Date - Wednesday, April 20, starting at 5:00pm @ Sherman Library & Gardens**

Corona del Mar's Annual Town Meeting, co-sponsored by CdMRA & CdM Business Improvement District, is shaping up to be another great event. The evening starts with a hosted social hour, refreshments and Expo, followed by a speakers' program covering topics important to our residents. CdMRA's portion of the speakers' program will focus on Coast Hwy safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Details will be posted on our website as they become finalized. Be sure to invite your neighbors to come along for a fun and informative evening.

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March 7, 2011 Newsletter

Be sure to view our website ([www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org)) on a regular basis for updates and news items that are important and timely for our members. The following are a few highlights; be sure to visit our website for more details.

**Highlighted Events for March**

- 07 @ 4:30 pm: Bicycle Safety Commission - Friends Room @ Central Library
- 10 @ 6:00 pm: 3rd Annual NB Water Miser Workshop @ Central Library
- 14 @ 2:00 am: Daylight Savings Time Begins - Nbfd reminds us to change our smoke detector batteries
- 17 @ 7:30 am: CdMRA Board Meeting – Guest Speaker Tom Edwards, NB Aviation Committee
- 22 @ 7:00 pm: City Council Regular Meeting (Leaf Blower Ordinance Proposal)
- 28 @ 8:00 am: Aviation Committee Meeting @ Central Library

For details on these and other events, visit our website at [www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org).

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**Asked & Answered**

We've started a new feature on our News Page (<http://cdmra.org/news.html>). We regularly get questions from our members which are of general-interest nature. We hope you will find this new feature informative. Topics this month include the Port Theater and use of motorized skateboards. Don't hesitate to send in your questions; we'll do our best to get answers for you.

### **Sharrows (“Share The Road”) For Coast Hwy Through Corona del Mar**

The City is investigating the possibility of adding Sharrow markings along Coast Hwy through Corona del Mar, much like those on Bayside Drive. Sharrows are a reminder that the rules of the road apply to motorists and cyclists alike, including the use of traffic lanes by cyclists when Bike Lanes are not available. Visit our website ([www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org)) to read more about this and to view several articles about this topic. We will keep you advised of any resident outreach meeting that the City schedules on this topic. The public is welcome to attend the monthly Bicycle Safety Committee Meetings, chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 4:30pm at Newport Beach Central Library on Avocado. A copy of the March agenda is available on our website at <http://cdmra.org/docs/issuesharrows/bcagenda110307.pdf>

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February 3, 2011 Newsletter

We took a little time at the beginning of 2011 to freshen up our website. We hope you'll like the new look, but more importantly we hope you will continue to view our website ([www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org)) on a regular basis for updates and news items that are important and timely for our members.

Here are a few of the highlights. Be sure to visit our website for more details.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, February 5, 8:30am, Oasis Senior Center
  - City Council Priorities Working Session for 2011. Residents are welcome, and encouraged to attend.
- Saturday, February 5, Newport Coast Community Center
  - Electronic Waste Recycling Event
- Thursday, February 17 @ 6:30pm, City Hall Council Chambers
  - Planning Commission to discuss Solar Rights Act/Solar System Installations
- Monday, February 21, Presidents' Day Holiday
  - No Street Sweeping on Monday
  - Trash Schedule remains the same
  - Construction is not permitted on holidays per City Ordinance. To report a violation, contact Code Enforcement at their after-hours number (949.644.3717)
- Wednesday, April 20, 5:30pm, Sherman Library & Gardens
  - Save The Date: Annual CdM Town Meeting

### **Do Not Solicit Registry**

If you signed up on the City's "Do Not Solicit" Registry in 2010, your registration expired on December 31. Be sure to renew your registration as one of your New Year's Resolutions, and help keep our streets safer. For more information and a link to the registration page, go to <https://www5.newportbeachca.gov/do-not-solicit/register.aspx>

### **Congratulations Jasmine Creek**

If you want to know about neighborhood preparedness, you would do well to stop by and visit the Preparedness Team at Jasmine Creek. Their efforts were recognized at this year's State of CERT Awards Dinner where they won the Neighborhood of the Year Award. The Jasmine Creek group has set the bar high for the rest of us in Corona del Mar. Let's give them a little competition in 2011. If you are interested in starting an Preparedness Team in your neighborhood, send us an email ([Info@Cdmra.org](mailto:Info@Cdmra.org)) and we'll put you in touch with folks who can help. And don't forget to take advantage of the Free CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training the City offers to its residents. You can find the Spring Schedule (February and March) on our website ([www.Cdmra.org](http://www.Cdmra.org)).

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### **Vehicle Burglaries & Vandalism | Fire Prevention Tip**

Be sure to visit our the [News](#) link on our website for an update on the latest Neighborhood Watch information and a good tip on home fireplaces from NB Fire Department.

### **CdMRA Accomplishments for 2010**

To numerous to outline in this email, but they are listed on our website. Be sure to take a look at what we've accomplished with the help of our members. We hope you'll let us know where we should focus our efforts in 2011. Just drop us at email at [Info@Cdmra.org](mailto:Info@Cdmra.org) and let us know.

### **2011 Membership Dues**

It's time to renew your CdMRA Membership (\$20 each calendar year). Your support provides us with the resources needed for our website and newsletters and our member meetings like the April Town Meeting. We hope you'll encourage your neighbors to join. We have a very nice *Thank You Gift* for new-member referrals. If you need to check up on your dues balance, simply send us at email at [Info@Cdmra.org](mailto:Info@Cdmra.org) and we'll let you know your current balance.