



PIPELINE

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

A Monthly Newsletter

DID YOU KNOW?

Ergophobia is the fear of work.



District Meeting Schedule FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

September 5, 2019

Communication & Technology @ 9:00 a.m.

Security @ 10:00 a.m.

September 10, 2019

(Note Date Change)

Personnel @ 7:30 a.m.

Improvements @ 8:00 a.m.

Finance @ 10:00 a.m.

September 18, 2019

District Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

All meeting dates and times are subject to change. Be sure to check our website, (www.rmcsd.com) for any changes.

WHY IS THE FASTPASS ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH GATE?

The reason the Fastpass was first implemented at the North Gate has to do with the amount of vehicle traffic at the North Gate. The North is two-thirds larger than the South. The North experiences a lot more vehicle traffic through the visitor gate daily than the South does. During a major holiday, the visitor traffic increases tremendously. This is not to say the South does not have traffic at the visitor gate, however not to the extent the North does. For example, on past July 4th events, the North has had traffic backed up onto Jackson Road. The South does not experience backups to the same extent. When we implemented the Fastpass this past July 4th, we did not experience traffic backups onto Jackson Road, and the traffic delays at the visitor gate were minimal. We can process visitors with the Fastpass in about two to three seconds compared to 30 to 45 seconds the usual way. As we go forward, we will continue to evaluate the need at the South Gate, and if the demand is warranted and funding is available, we will consider implementing the Fastpass at the South Gate. Remember, the Fastpass is available to use all the time on the North, so please use it for your guests.

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT SECURITY DEPARTMENT

There have been some questions as to what the role of the District's Security Department is in Rancho Murieta. The authority and functions of District Security Officers are similar to those provided by private security firms.

Exemptions from Private Security Services Act

- District Security Officers are exempt from licensing requirements, as they are employees of a political subdivision of the State. However; the District requires its Security Officers to be licensed for training purposes and because Patrol Officers are required to carry a firearm.
- Our Patrol Officers are additionally certified by the Calif Dept of Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)

Primary Function

- The primary function of District Security Officers is to protect persons and property through the prevention of criminal conduct by being visible in the community.
- Where prevention of criminal conduct is not possible, the function of the Security Officer is to observe and report to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department (SSD) and/or California Highway Patrol (CHP).

District Security Officers Are Not Peace Officers

- Peace Officers are defined by statute.
- District Security Officers are not classified under any category of law enforcement or as quasi-law enforcement officers.
- Off-duty peace officers sometimes augment the District security force.



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Authority to Make Arrests

- The authority of District Security Officers to make an arrest is the same as private citizen making a citizen's arrest.
- After a District Security Officer makes an arrest, the Security Officer must turn the person who has been arrested over to the SSD/CHP without delay.
- If a person resists arrest, the Security Officer is allowed, but not required, to use reasonable force to subdue the person.

Detention

- Except in limited situations, a District Security Officer does not have the authority to detain a person without affecting an arrest.

Weapons Search

- When a District Security Officer has reason to believe that a person has a weapon and intends to harm him/herself or another person, the District Security Patrol Officer is entitled to perform a search of that person.
- A District Security Officer is entitled to search a suspect for a weapon while making an arrest, if the Security Officer has reason to believe he or she is in physical danger.

Citation Authority

- District Security Officers have the authority to issue misdemeanor citations for violation of state law and county ordinances if the violation occurs on RMCS D owned property and in the presence of the Security Officer issuing the citation.
- District Security Officers have the authority to issue citations for certain violations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) of homeowner associations within the District.

** Of the 320 Community Services Districts in California, Rancho Murieta is the only one that operates an in-house security service. Four (4) other Community Services Districts provide security services through a contract with a private security company.*

Driving in Rancho Murieta

RMA rules state that every driver, including your guests, operating a motor vehicle, including golf carts and low-speed vehicles, within Rancho Murieta, shall possess a valid driver's license and obey the rules of the road such as speed limits and stop signs. Violations may result in fines.

Overloaded golf carts or unsafe usage, such as towing skateboarders, are also subject to fines. Keep your cars and doors locked. Unlocked doors/vehicles allow thieves the opportunity to rifle through your car, golf carts, and other belongings.

Lakes and Back Areas

With warmer weather here, many people venture out to the lakes/reservoirs and back areas for recreation. As a reminder, Rancho Murieta Association (RMA) rules state that guests and vendors may not be in a park, which includes the back areas, and/or lake/reservoir areas unless the resident they are visiting is with them. Security Officers have found guests in the parks, lake/reservoir areas fishing, boating, and just hanging out in recreation areas without a resident with them. Vendors have also been found taking breaks at the lakes without a resident with them. If the resident is not present, the guest or vendor is in violation of the CC&Rs and a citation could be issued to the resident.



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How to Contact the District

The District's Administration Office is located at:

15160 Jackson Road,
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Our mailing address is:

P.O. Box 1050,
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Main Office: 916-354-3700

South Gate: 916-354-3743

Fax: (916) 354-2082

Contact the South Gate for after-hours water problems.

BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon / 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

District Observed Holidays

New Year's Day (January 1)

President's Day (3rd Monday in February)

Memorial Day (last Monday in May)

Fourth of July

Labor Day (1st Monday in September)

Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)

Day after Thanksgiving

Christmas Day (December 25th)

Gas powered engines/boats are not allowed on Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs. Additionally, boats must have either a one (1) day pass or a season boating pass. Boating passes can be obtained from RMA. Guests are allowed to bring their boat into the community as long as they have a resident with them and both the guest and resident go to RMA to receive a day boating pass. **Residents are required to get a seasonal boating pass from RMA. Please note that everyone fishing in Rancho Murieta lakes/reservoirs is required to have a valid fishing license.**

The residents of Rancho Murieta can assist the District in providing security services by helping to be the eyes and ears of the District Security Department. Residents should call in suspicious activities or circumstances they observe or encounter and should notify District Security Officers of any safety-related issues, including Rancho Murieta Association rule violations. If needed, the District Security Department will refer the issue to the proper entity.

GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

Battery Disposal

We have recently received questions from residents about how to dispose of alkaline batteries.

Prior to 2006, citizens were allowed to dispose of alkaline batteries in their common waste. Legislation that year made such disposal in regular trash illegal and classified alkaline batteries as hazardous waste.

The District contracts with Cal-Waste for solid waste services and as part of its current contract, Rancho Murieta residents are for now able to dispose of alkaline batteries by placing them in a clear, zipper-locked bag and putting the bag into their Recycling Cart. However, please note that Rancho Murieta is the only area served by Cal-Waste where this is still allowed. This policy is expected to change in the future due to the fact that alkaline batteries disposed in the recycling bins can pose a significant fire and hazardous waste risk. Jack Fiori of Cal-Waste provides the following commentary:

"In the past 30 months, we have had 4 truck fires where the contents catch fire due to the presence of batteries in the trash or recycling contents. In three of the cases, the combined damages that the trucks sustained was more than \$100,000. In the final case, the driver noticed the fire early enough that he was able to dump his entire load on the street to prevent any damages to the truck. Cal-Waste is not alone in dealing with this problem; it is happening across the Country. In fact, waste trucks have been destroyed by alkaline batteries sparking and catching adjacent materials on fire."

One alternative is to drop off your spent alkaline batteries at the County's Kiefer landfill at Kiefer Boulevard and Grant Line Road. According to the County, the landfill

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*"Your Independent Local
Government Agency Providing
Water, Wastewater, Drainage,
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**BE SURE TO LIKE US
ON FACEBOOK**

will accept your batteries without charge as long as you provide with proof of residency.

If Cal-Waste is forced to change its policy allowing alkaline batteries in recycling bins, the District plans to investigate a viable more local alternative for residential disposal of alkaline batteries.

SCHOOL BUS REMINDER

When the **school bus stops** and the flashing **red** lights come on, vehicles must stop and wait behind the bus or facing the bus if the roadway is not divided. Bus drivers are very cautious in seeing that their riders are out of harm's way before moving on.



A few extra seconds to be cautious is time well spent!



REPORT WATER LEAK

You can help stop water waste by reporting leaks you notice while you are out and about in the community to the District office by calling 354-3700. When you report a possible water leak, District staff is dispatched to the site to investigate the situation. Many times before a leak can be repaired the District must call in an Underground Service Alert, which is the process by which all utility companies must come out to mark where their underground service lines are located. This process can delay the repair time and may cause the person that reported the leak to think that the District has not responded to the report; especially if they did not leave their contact information for the District to follow-up with on the leak investigation and repair. To resolve this potential breakdown in communication, the District has started to mark the pavement of leak locations with the initials "CSD" and the date staff was on-site for the investigation.

Thank you for helping to stop water waste by calling in leaks!



AUGUST 2019 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Adopted Ordinance O2019-03 amending Districts Codes relating to Interest rate on delinquent Water, Sewer, Drainage, Security, and Solid Waste.
- ✓ Adopted Resolution R2019-08 amending fixed Employer's contribution for Represented Public Employee Benefits
- ✓ Adopted Resolution R2019-09 amending fixed Employer's contribution for Unrepresented Public Employee Benefits
- ✓ Considered Selection for Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
- ✓ Discussed and Considered a Policy Regarding the Board's Performance Evaluation of the General Manager

**The District Administration Office will be closed
September 2, 2019 for Labor Day**