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TSRA NEWS

NEXT MEETING

This **TUESDAY MARCH 5th**
at the **Shores Café 7:00PM**

Welcome (back) Alicia!

A few weeks ago I had a fantastic meeting with our returning champion (Manager) Alicia. For new Shores residents, Alicia is very personable, communicative, proactive, generally awesome and a wonderful partner for TSRA! She's been here just a few weeks and has hit the ground running, sending out helpful and informative letters and implementing improvements. We spoke for over an hour on a variety of subjects that you, our residents, brought up at our last meeting, including:

1. **SECURITY:** (i.e. guard perimeter walks; extra lights between the pool and the west fence).
2. **PACKAGES:** taking up too much of the Courtesy Attendants' time. Alicia's new policy is already underway.
3. **FRONTIER:** So, Frontier has fiber optic cables that go into the buildings, but an old DSL cable into each apartment. To upgrade to fiber optics into each unit, either Frontier would have to almost double our personal bills for cable/internet or The Shores would have to sign on with the cable company for a 10 year contract. Neither of these



options is ideal. There are no easy answers, but they are looking at ALL alternatives. We'll discuss more about this at the meeting.

4. **PETS:** These are not pet buildings, so dogs are allowed only if they are service animals. Service animal rules apply. The Shores is looking into dog-runs, pooper scooper installations, etc.
5. **SHORES PAYMENT PORTAL:** Visit Residents.DouglasEmmett.com to pay rent via credit card.

One more thing!

GUEST PARKING: Reminder that only residents with designated parking passes or guests with day/overnight parking passes are allowed to park in our lots. Unauthorized cars will be towed. Please make sure your guests put a PARKING PASS on their dashboard.

We are looking to plan some fun events such as barbeques, movie nights by the pool, a Shores' "Taste of Main Street," etc.

WHY THE TSRA?

The TSRA has a dual mandate: One is to serve as a vehicle for residents at the Shores to have their NEEDS listened to and communicated – and to ensure we are working with Management towards positive and constructive solutions to issues that arise. The other is to foster a SENSE OF COMMUNITY, by helping residents get to know one another through fun – and sometimes informative - activities. Creative suggestions are welcome.

TSRA MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Your Membership Card will get you **10% off at PARTICIPATING MAIN STREET MERCHANTS!** Some of the businesses we have already approached are: Caro Bambino, Enterprise Fish Co., Sweet Rose, Main Squeeze, Surf Liquor, the Poke Cerviche place and the Closet Trading Company, Ashland Hill and others. We will be asking for volunteers to help us make an even more comprehensive list of participating merchants and restaurants by joining us for a walk along Main Street. Please let us know if you can help by emailing us at TSRA90405@gmail.com or let us know at the meeting this Tuesday!



Membership Cards will be handed out at our
NEXT MEETING: MARCH 5TH at 7PM...
MAGIC, PIZZA & WINE

After Jack Neworth's last article, "The Lazy Environmentalist" Susan Broussard asked if we could add some specific info into this month's article about recycling. It spurred our VP Dawn, to do some research! Thanks Susan and Dawn!

WHAT TO PUT IN OUR RECYCLING

Here is a list of all the materials that can go into our recycling bins downstairs.

A graphic titled "WHAT TO RECYCLE" divided into two sections. The top section, "YES PLEASE", has a green background and shows a checkmark icon. It lists acceptable items: a blue can labeled "DRINK", a purple can labeled "BAKED BEAN", a pink can labeled "ANTI-BACTERIAL DEODORANT", a stack of newspapers and magazines, a white plastic bottle labeled "POP", a green bottle labeled "LIQUID", a white milk carton labeled "MILK", a cardboard box labeled "PAPERBACK BOOKS", and a cardboard box labeled "PAPERBACK BOOKS". Arrows point from these items to a blue recycling bin. The bottom section, "NO THANKS", has a red background and shows an "X" icon. It lists unacceptable items: a white egg carton, a carton of fruit, a container of "Soylent" or similar meal replacement, a bag of "CRISPS", and a crumpled piece of aluminum foil. An "X" is also shown over a blue plastic bag. At the bottom right is the "RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL" logo.

Items you can recycle

- All rinsed cans and tins
- All rinsed plastic bottles (no tops, please)
- Cardboard
- Birthday or Christmas cards (without foil or glitter)
- Newspapers, magazines and Yellow Pages
- Household paper and envelopes (including those with cellophane windows)
- Aerosols

Items you can't recycle

We cannot collect the following items because they can spoil the rest of the load:

- Black sacks, carrier bags and other plastic packaging
- Shredded paper
- Wrapping paper
- Cardboard juice cartons
- Aluminium foil
- Mixed plastics such as yoghurt pots, margarine and ice cream tubs, and cling film
- Textiles and clothing. Please see our bottle banks and recycling points page
- Any household or garden waste
- Glass - put in your glass recycling box, basket or bin. Please see our glass recycling page for more information
- Polystyrene
- Kitchen waste. Please see our composting page for more information.

Recycling dos and don'ts

- Break down large boxes
- Rinse cans, tins and plastic bottles
- Put the items loose in your blue bin - no bags



LAUGHING MATTERS

by **Jack Neworth**

(Jack's column appears every Friday in the Santa Monica Daily Press; online at www.smdp.com. He can be reached at jackdaily@aol.com.)

"SHORES DIVORCE STYLE, CIRCA 1976"

When I moved into the Shores in 1974, Ocean Park – and especially Main Street – were rather depressed economically. For example, the Shores was built in 1966 as part of an urban renewal program financed by HUD and intended to be "low-cost housing". Ocean Park was referred to as "dogtown" – and that wasn't because we were fond of canines.

I miss the old neighborhood and the colorful tenants who lived here. This is about two of them – both having passed long ago. You see, I was a security guard here in 1975-1976 and this is just one of many vignettes I recall vividly: Working the 4pm-midnight shift, one of my duties was to open the garage gates at 5pm so that people coming home from work could just zip in. At 7pm, after the rush, I was to close the gates. The gates were very heavy steel and closed slowly from the top, as opposed to how they swing open now, horizontally.

When I closed the gate at 7pm I was supposed to stand nearby to alert residents, but frankly everyone knew the routine and this particular day there were no cars coming. So I pushed the button and walked toward the security office – until I heard a car approaching. I

turned around to see one of our tenants, Mack O'Reilly, an elderly lawyer who lived in the North Tower with his wife Margaret, heading directly toward the gate. I shouted but it was too late. (Did I mention Mack liked to have a few drinks before coming home from work?).

Apparently Mack was so inebriated he drove right into the gate, which crushed his windshield. I raced over and hit the button so the gate retracted, but by then Mack's rather old 4-door was basically a rather old convertible. Panicked, I asked Mack if he was okay and if I should call 911, but he said he was fine. Fine? His car was destroyed! He insisted it was "nothing", and I shouldn't even write it in my nightly report. He hurriedly

drove what was left of his car into his parking space and went upstairs.

The gate was trashed so I had to put the incident in my report. And it took me an hour to clean up all the glass. The next day, when sober, he took full responsibility. And since he wasn't seeking any compensation the office just had the gate repaired. I was so rattled, I considered taking up drinking myself.

Months later, Mack and his wife Margaret got divorced. And yet, to everyone's surprise, Mack took an apartment in the South Tower! There's an unexpected epilogue to this, but I'm afraid you'll have to wait until the next TSRA newsletter. TO BE CONTINUED....

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There is strength in numbers!
If you have complaints or suggestions let us be
your liaison to Management: go to

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or leave a Check **with your email address**
in the TSRA Box in Laundry Room. Or join at the meeting

Please help spread the word about the NEW TSRA!

THE SHORES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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