



## Looking for something special to do this season?

You could fly to Rome, or just take a drive to Anaheim ... The **Christ Cathedral** (formerly Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral) is currently hosting an exhibit of the **Sistine Chapel**. Full scale reproductions of Michelangelo's famous ceiling are at eye-level. It's an extraordinary experience. General admission: \$18/ students \$9/ Seniors \$12; open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM (closed Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter Triduum and July 4--exhibit extended due to popular demand thru August 23, 2020.



## Board Meeting

The December meeting has been cancelled due to the holidays.

The next Board Meeting, January 23, 2020

Administration Building at 9:00 AM

Shareholders are welcome to make comments during the first 15 minutes.

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# Matters

An occasional newsletter for Shareholders of Mutual 1 in Leisure World, Seal Beach, CA

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



# Candle Safety

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

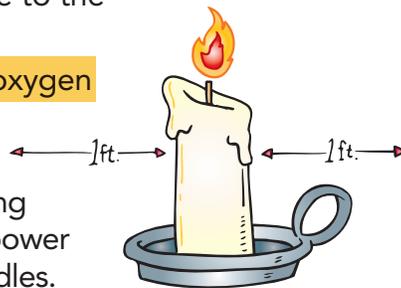
## "CANDLE WITH CARE"

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimetres) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

## IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



## Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



## FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak month for home candle fires.
- ! More than **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- ! **Three of every five** candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.



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# Religious Candle Safety



Lit candles are used in religious services, in places of worship, and in the home. Whether you are using one candle or more, make sure you take a few moments to learn about using candles safely.

## Candle Safety

- Candles should be placed in a sturdy candle holder.
- Handheld candles should not be passed from one person to another at any time.
- When lighting candles at a candle lighting service, have the person with the unlit candle dip their candle into the flame of the lit candle.
- Lit candles should not be placed in windows where a blind or curtain could catch fire.
- Candles placed on, or near tables, altars, or shrines, must be watched by an adult.
- If a candle must burn continuously, be sure it is enclosed in a glass container and placed in a sink, on a metal tray, or in a deep basin filled with water.

## General Fire Safety

- Matches and lighters should be stored out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.
- Places of worship should be equipped with a fire detection and sprinkler system.
- A home should have smoke alarms on every level, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect the alarms, so when one sounds, they all sound. Test all smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Plan and practice a home fire escape drill that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.

## Children & Candles

**Candles should be out of the reach of children and pets.**

Young children should never hold a lit candle. Consider providing **battery-operated candles** for children. A **parent** should decide when a child is mature enough to light a candle with adult supervision.

## FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- ! **Three of every five** home candle fires happen when a candle is placed too close to something that can burn.



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## Interesting stuff you might want to know:

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### Washing your car at Clubhouse 2?

Use the power hoses to prewash and get the heavy dirt off; wash your car with soap or detergent, then rinse with the “garden hose”. The power wash water is recycled water, the garden hose water is clear. You’ll have fewer spots if you use this procedure.

Also did you know that on the other side of Clubhouse 2, there’s a power vacuum for your use? This is also a good area to dry your car after washing.

### Meeting, Party or Special Event?

Clubhouses are available to all residents. Some, like Clubhouse 3, have smaller rooms which are great for meetings or smaller gatherings. If you call the Recreation Department, Kathy Thayer at 562-594-4754, ext.398, she will tell you the availability. You are required to put down a security deposit; at the conclusion of your event, presuming everything is tidy and put back into place, you will get your security deposit back.

This is a great resource for family gatherings, anniversary parties, special events and activities that cannot be successfully accomplished in your own unit. Rooms range in size to accommodate as few as 8 to as many as 300.

### Pesky mosquitoes

One of the most attractive places for the female mosquito to lay her eggs is in little saucers and basins that folks often place on their patios or in garden areas beneath their plants. These are terrific breeding sites. Please consider eliminating this source. But remember that larger plants, like fruit trees

must be planted in containers and the containers must be placed on an impenetrable tile or slab to prevent roots from growing under the foundation.



Eileen Merritt demonstrates use of fire blanket to smother kitchen flames under the supervision of Midge Bash.

## Fire blankets for sale Great gift idea!

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The Amateur Radio and Emergency Service (ARES) group of Los Alamitos is selling Fire blankets. These fiberglass blankets are extremely efficient in smothering fires. The blankets come in a pouch that can be hung on the back side of a kitchen cabinet door. The cost is \$15. Proceeds from sales will benefit ARES, that supports emergency communication in Seal Beach, Los Alamitos and Rossmoor enabling them to upgrade their radio equipment. To purchase a blanket contact Midge Bash at 440-289-2023.

## Service Maintenance: (562) 431-3548

for emergency repairs, water overflowing and backing in a drain or toilet malfunction.

Helpline: (562) 804-8718  
for non-emergency issues.

Security: (562) 594-4754  
visitor access, or after-hours  
water emergencies.

## Welcome new neighbors:

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12-H Joanna Lee

15- E Thomas Taylor

34-A Ok Sun Springer

48-E Sharon Russell

49-D Dennis & Michelle  
McMonigle

51-H Jung Mente  
& In Chae

56-H Helen Krumwiede

## Security reminders:

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Seal Beach police will now be patrolling within the walls of Leisure World and you are subject to the same traffic controls as are in force throughout California.

The speed limit in all residential and businesses in California is 25 MPH, unless posted otherwise. Within Leisure World other postings are for lower limits such as in carports where many Mutuels limit the speed to 10 MPH.

### Curb information:

Red Curb: No stopping, standing, or parking (CA law states you may receive a citation for parking in the red zone even if you are with the vehicle).

Blue Curb: Disabled/handicap parking with proper placard or special license plate.

Green Curb: Parking for a limited time-generally noted on curb (disabled placard and special license plate may park for an unlimited amount of time).

Yellow Curb: Loading and unloading of passengers or freight.

### Towing:

A vehicle can immediately be towed if it: interferes with an entrance or exit to the property, is in a handicap/disabled space, is in a fire lane, or is within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.