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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

I must apologize that this Autumn Newsletter is rather late in being sent but the Summer Season in Calahonda Park seems to be continuing as I write. October was exceptionally warmer than usual and now we are into November and still enjoying high temperatures, beach weather and swimming in the sea. Quite unprecedented. However, the good weather means that more owners are taking advantage of late holidays when the community is a little less occupied and quieter.

It has been a long and very hot summer, as we all know. It started very early in May and just continued, but sadly with no sign of rain on the horizon. This is much needed and essential for the wellbeing of the Costa del Sol and inland areas where agriculture is suffering the most.

During High Season Calahonda Park was heaving with visitors and many children, which, of course, brought the usual problems for our gardener and cleaner - rubbish abandoned in car park areas through laziness on the part of visitors to take their rubbish with them when they left. Who do they think retrieves all this rubbish? Neither the gardener nor the cleaner - or indeed any other resident - is responsible for this and it would be much appreciated if those owners who enjoy the benefit of rentals would kindly impress upon their visitors to comply with the normal hygienic requirements of taking their rubbish to the bins located just outside of the complex. Not too difficult, is it? If we the permanent residents can do it why can't they? However, we do appreciate the help on the part of some of our residents who, suffering the sight of this, have taken it upon themselves to remove the bags to the bins in order to avoid a stench and possibility of infestation by vermin

The increase in children also brought with it continuing problems of unsupervision on the part of the parents - perhaps they did not want to include their children in their holiday and left them for the responsibility of others - I do not know. We were certainly not impressed. The gardener, almost on a daily basis, was retrieving from the swimming pools stones and unripe fruit taken from our fruit trees which the children thought to be a great idea to throw into the pools during the evening hours - just for fun. This activity could have caused considerable damage to the tiles in the pools and the drainage or filtering system. Another pastime appears to have been filling balloons with water and throwing at neighbors doors, together with unripe fruit taken from the trees.

May we please remind the parents of such children that Calahonda Park is and always has been a respectable residential community with a good reputation and this is the way we wish it to remain. When children are in the communal grounds, they should be supervised by an adult.



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On the matter of maintenance and upkeep we have been experiencing from time to time some irrigation problems in the gardens, mainly due to the age of pipework now having to be replaced. We also need some rectification to the pump room for the small pool where we have experienced, during heavy rains, water penetrating into the ground and seeping into the base of the pump housing. This will be done within a short time.

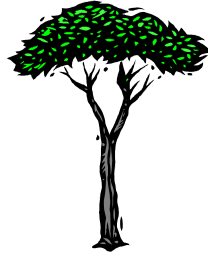
The main battery in the watercupboard at the foot of B Blq stairs (Nos. 12-20) is also being replaced due to age and recent leaks.

After a rather long wait we are at last getting refurbished the cabin of the second lift on F Blq (in front of No.5) and sometime this month Orona (the Maintenance Company) will commence major work on the second lift of E Blq. This work will entail loss of use for at least 4/6 weeks. We cannot hold back on this work any longer because of the continual breakdowns. It will be up-grade in similar fashion to that of the first lift, completed a year or two ago

During the Autumn months the Council give permission for pruning of the pine trees in our community but recently we have experienced problems with a large one on the corner of C & B Blq adjacent to the pathways and the small pool. Heavy branches have fallen from this tree in recent weeks and the last was at the beginning of >November in the hours of darkness. This could have caused a serious accident and we are now applying to the Council for permission to remove it as quickly as possible.

Over the past few months, we have discovered beetle disease in some of our palm trees. We have been treating those in front of C Blq by the small pool and it appears to be successful but two of three more palms adjacent to the large pool are in a bad way and we were advised to cut them down. However, upon applying to the Council for permission they refused and insisted we "treat them". The problem is that the palm in the center of the three is in good condition and the worry is if we do not remove the other two this will become infected also. However, the Council in their wisdom say "no". I fear we are damned if we do and damned if we don't and one way or the other, we will have to pay! Hopefully we are not too late to save the diseased ones and that the palm in the centre will survive-.

For many years past we have benefitted from free WiFi in our community office from the WiFi Centre in Los Campanarios, near to Lidl Supermarket, but have recently been advised that this will cease due to the removal of the WiFi repeaters being removed. The Company are offering us a Super Fast Fibre Service Plan at a monthly fee but as we now have our updated community mobile with Avatel - to whom we pay a monthly charge, together with the emergency gate system - we think it best to connect the office internet with this company combining a monthly payment under this umbrella.



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The refurbishing of the carp park area to the rear of C Block is still on hold, due to the fact that so many visitors are here at the present time and the car park in that zone appears comparatively full. However, we need to commence the work during the winter months and, although it had been our intention to commence this work in November, we may need to postpone it a little longer until there is less car occupation in this area. When we do commence the work, it will mean this area completely out of use for at least one or more weeks and residents cars will need to be parked in some other place until the work is completed. Please bear this in mind as we cannot put it off indefinitely.

During this past year we have seen quite a few changes in ownership and we welcome those new owners and hope you will be happy and content with Calahonda Park, the community in which you chose to live.

Since our Assembly in April, sadly, we have lost some owners. Alan Howman from E Blq, whilst here on holiday, a well-known past President of Calahonda Park - John >Mence - who will be remembered by many of our long-standing owners - and more recently June Wilkinson, wife of Jim, from C Blq. Letters of condolences were sent to the respective families on behalf of the community.

Looming ahead of us now is the Christmas Season and I would like to extend to you my wishes for a Happy Festive Season and a more settled, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year 2023 ahead.

SHEILA FURNELL
President