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Board of Governors budgets \$4,563,244 for 2010

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The Rossmoor Community Association Board of Governors at its October meeting budgeted \$4,563,244 for 2010, an increase of \$51,781 or 1.15 percent over the 2009 budget.

RCAI monthly carrying charges will go from \$163.24 in 2009 to \$165.13 in 2010, an increase of \$1.89. This figure, which is the same for all residents since all have equal access to the common facilities and services, when added to the monthly charges assessed by a resident's particular Mutual will provide the total monthly carrying charge.

Operating expenses

A total of \$3,796,573 is budgeted for operating expenses, or \$137.39 per manor per month, an increase of \$3.06 over the 2009 budget.

The largest cost center is Administration at \$691,112 or \$25.01 per manor per month, a \$0.99 increase over

2009. Other large cost centers include the Clubhouse, budgeted at \$662,884 or \$23.99 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.67 over 2009; Traffic and Safety, budgeted at \$320,597 or \$11.60 per manor per month, a decrease of \$0.43; the Maintenance Department Administration/Services, budgeted at \$422,084 or \$15.27 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.13 per manor per month.

The Health Care Center is budgeted at \$238,712 or \$8.64 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.29 per manor per month; Education and Recreation (E&R) is budgeted at \$277,305 or \$10.03 per manor per month, a decrease of \$0.18 from the 2009 budget; Snow removal is \$213,590 or \$7.73 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.22; Bus Service is \$104,000 or \$3.76 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.50 over the 2009 figure;

Business Office, \$263,927 or \$9.55 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.05.

Street maintenance and repair is budgeted for '10 at \$119,080 or \$4.31 per manor per month, a \$0.69 increase; the Pool at \$114,000 or \$4.13 per manor per month, a decrease of \$0.23; The Meeting House at \$98,590 or \$3.57 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.13; the Village Center at \$76,790 or \$2.78 per manor per month, a decrease of \$0.25; Maintenance Department trucks at \$63,260 or \$2.29 per manor per month, a decrease of \$0.30; Maintenance Buildings, \$47,840 or \$1.73 per manor per month, a \$0.07 increase; Tennis, Shuffleboard, Bocce and Croquet, \$35,130 or \$1.27 per manor per month, a penny increase; Golf Buildings, \$19,140 or \$0.69 per manor per month, a \$0.19 increase over 2009; The Rossmoor

News, \$22,033 or \$0.80 per manor per month, an increase of \$0.63; Communications, Marketing, \$6,500 or \$0.24

per manor per month, a decrease of \$0.12.

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Budget highlights

While there are increases in the 2010 budget figures in a number of areas, the Budget Committee, by offsetting the increases with cuts in other areas, managed to keep the overall increase in RCAI monthly payments by residents to slightly over one percent, or \$1.89 per manor per month. Here are some highlights of the 2010 budget.

- Matching contributions to non-union employees' 401K savings plans were suspended for 2010. The contributions commenced two years ago after contributions to the defined pension plan for regular full-time employees were ended.
- Capital improvements funding was reduced by \$2 per manor per month and capital replacement by \$0.95.
- Reductions were achieved in a number of other areas including communications and marketing, the pool, Village Center, Maintenance Department trucks, E&R Administration, and Traffic & Safety.
- The marked decrease in the number of golf course members and the terrible spring weather has had a serious negative effect on the course's financial status. As a result, \$2.49 per manor per month has been allotted in the budget to help maintain the course, a primary asset of the community. A marketing effort is underway to increase club membership and restore the course to self-sufficiency.
- The requirements for street maintenance called for an increase in funding to \$4.31 per month, \$0.69 more than in 2009.
- A decline in ad revenue and an increase in costs, a problem endemic in the newspaper business in this economic environment (hundreds have closed down), has led to a subsidy for *The Rossmoor News* of \$0.80 per manor per month. The newspaper is taking steps to reduce costs in 2010, including reducing the number of pages.
- There were increases in a number of other areas including Administration, the Business Office, the Clubhouse, the Health Care Center, the Meeting House, Bus Services, Maintenance Buildings, Maintenance Department Administration/Services, Golf Buildings and Snow Removal.

Interfaith Council hosts Thanksgiving service and dinners for home-bound

The Rossmoor community is invited to a special Interfaith Council pre-Thanksgiving worship service to be held at the Meeting House on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 1:30 p.m. Music will be offered by the Rossmoor Chorus, accompanied by Lois Smida.

The message will be presented by The Reverend Patrick Johnson. He lives in Frenchtown, N.J., where he is

the pastor of the Frenchtown Presbyterian Church. Reverend Johnson is also a doctoral candidate in the study of preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Members of the Rossmoor Community Church, the Rossmoor Catholic Society, and the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation will participate in the service. The Rossmoor Interfaith Council has pre-

sented these special worship services since its inception in 1968. The Council's purpose is to promote respect among the faiths represented in our community, to foster interaction, and to promote dialogue among neighbors. It seeks to enhance understanding of each other's religious rituals, customs, and beliefs through

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Canadian geese photo by Walt Marz. See the Birds of Rossmoor story, page 20-21.

It's the Holiday Bazaar!

There is still time to check your closets and storage areas for items to donate to the Women's Guild Annual Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7, in the Clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donations will be received in the Hawthorn room only on Thursday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, and Friday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for

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