



The Clarion

Crown Harbor Community Newsletter

March 2011

Board of Directors:

David Eck - President,
Don Gibson - Vice President,
Gene McDermott - Treasurer
Scott Sheppard - Secretary
Sean McDermott - Director

Next Board Meeting:
March 31st, 7pm. at
the Encinal Yacht Club.

CHHOA ANNUAL MEETING and elections will be held on March 31st, 7pm at the Encinal Yacht Club. **Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.**

Annual Meeting Packages: By the time you get this edition of the Clarion, you should have received the package for the Annual Meeting. If you have not, please contact Alex at Massingham and Associates.

At the February Board Meeting the board heard significant and legitimate concerns from both the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and individual members about the sewage lift pump outage. (See the February Clarion for details) There were a number of questions, including:

If power goes off, how does the pump reset?
The pumps should automatically reset when power is restored.

If it fails to do so, what do we need to do?
There is a manual shut-off in the control box. Turn the manual control to off, wait a few seconds and turn it back on. This should reset the pump controls.

After an incident, how do we verify that our connection to EBMUD is good?
This is an excellent question but will take some research to answer. It's possible we don't have this capability at this time and may require a modification to our system.

Why didn't the alarm and light go off when the system failed and how do we repair it?
This question was asked by Board members immediately upon learning of the issue. The alarm indicates a pump failure. The second pump did not fail and was running as it should. As the pump was running normally, the alarm did not go off. The alarm could not tell us of the pipe failure.

Management did call in both the pump service and the support for the electrical control and alarm system to ensure the system is operating properly.

Is there some way we can install an alarm that will tell us if the sump is filling up again?

It's possible there is an alarm system that can do that. Management will investigate and provide details to the Board.

In an emergency with the pumps, we need to let our neighbors know not to flush their toilets. How do we get the word out?

We need to spread the word any way we can; knock on doors, etc. The CERT will work to develop a calling tree to spread this kind of information.

As you can see, our CERT members were very active with this unfortunate event. We thank them for their diligence and service to our community.

CERT is seeking Volunteers:

The Crown Harbor CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is seeking volunteers to join the team. A series of six classes is required by the City to become certified. The next full series of classes begins on April 12:

April 12, Tuesday: 6pm – 8:30pm

April 19, Tuesday: 6pm – 9:30pm

April 20, Wednesday: 6pm – 9pm

April 26, Tuesday: 6pm – 9pm

April 27, Wednesday: 6pm – 9pm

April 30, Saturday: 9am – 4pm

Two other series will be offered in 2011 – so accessing make-up classes should be easy. Classes cover the topics of personal preparedness, disaster medical care, fire suppression awareness, hazardous materials mitigation, and disaster search techniques and are very interesting.

The link for more information is:

www.cityofalamedaca.gov/City-Hall/CERT

Personal Preparedness: Crown Harbor CERT will be holding meetings in March and April on personal preparedness for all Crown Harbor residents. More soon.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact:
Jan Rogerson: 510.523.8381 or janrogerson@comcast.net

ARE YOU RENTING YOUR CROWN HARBOR UNIT?

We need to hear from all of you who rent your unit. If you have not yet responded to the questionnaire please do. If you have any questions, contact Alex.

Who's spray painting on our streets?

Have you noticed white, green and now yellow spray paint on our roadways? Don't be concerned. There are no plans to tear up the streets. These markings were requested by the plumbing company hired to conduct preventive maintenance cabling and video inspection of all exterior sewer lines throughout the community. This is an effort to prevent any further sewer lateral back-ups and resulting interior damage. This helps them know where the pipes actually go so they can tract through them.

Have you noticed the Clarion getting a little "dry" lately?

Are you getting tired of reading a whole page of Board Notes? I know we're getting tired of writing them! It's been a year since we revamped the style of The Clarion and we've received good reviews for our efforts, especially for the Bubba's Buddies column. - Thanks!.

Unfortunately, our creative well is running dry so we resort to more details. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Do you have a favorite place to eat or a favorite take-out place? Have you had a contractor in to do some work that you'd recommend to your neighbors? Do you have an old set of shutters, custom window treatments, rugs or furniture that you're ready to part with? Has your furry (or not so furry) friend been featured in Bubbas Buddies yet? Why not? Put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard and let us know about it. We'd love to have an occasional article to publish or hear your suggestions and ideas

It Bears Repeating:

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on March 31st at the Encinal Yacht Club.

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This is an emergency line only. If your issue can wait until normal business hours, call Alex or Leslie at their contact numbers above.

Gate Codes:

Side gate: 514 Pathway Gates: 30245



Bubba's Buddies

Won't you be mine?

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Won't you be my Buddy?

Bubba has a lot of buddies throughout the neighborhood. Unfortunately, he can't tell us about them by himself. He needs your help. Send us a picture and a short paragraph about your friends from the animal kingdom and Bubba will introduce them to the community.