



The Clarion

Crown Harbor Community Newsletter

April 2011

Board of Directors:

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

Next Board Meeting:
April 28, 7pm at Scott
Sheppard's 1305 Crown
Drive..

Thank you, Scott and
Sheryl for continuing to
host these meetings.

Board meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month and open to all homeowners.

Based on the March elections the Board members remain unchanged. Thanks to all the incumbents for staying on another year. The bad news for the community is that there will be **5 empty spots next year.**

Board Notes:

March Board meeting was the annual meeting of members. A quorum was established (barely) validating the meeting and election results.

As noted above, the 5 incumbents were re-elected and the 2010 general meeting minutes were approved.

It's Back! Mulch Madness: Saturday April 30th

The work of the "Mulch Madness" party on the large piles of bark we had delivered last year resulted in many areas of the grounds having a very nice layer of mulching material. It has helped with the watering needs, our weed control and provides a very pleasing look. The groups efforts resulted in savings of about \$500.

Can you spare an hour or two? Many hands make this go faster and you get to meet some neighbors. We will meet at the bark pile at the end of Crown at 9 AM. Bring shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows if you have them.

TGIF Get Together - Friday, May 20th

Scott & Sheryl Sheppard have volunteered their home for the first TGIF of 2011. 1305 Crown Drive from 6:30 to 8 pm. Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

sheryl.sheppard@comcast.net or call 480-239-5349. .

Volunteers needed for HOA Committees:

Can't commit to being on the Board? How about helping out by joining one of these important committees? **No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help.**

Maintenance: The tasks of this Committee involve doing care and maintenance of several items. The Committee members replace light bulbs on the garages, the bulbs on the pathway lights and monitor the streetlights for problems with their bulbs and sensors. We currently have one member left and need a Chairperson. Contact: David Eck 522-5010

Design and Architectural Review: Most changes made in your home require approval by this Committee. For example, window replacement, new garage doors, satellite/dish antennas need approval. Contact: Carol Ansley 522-4480.

Landscape Committee: The landscape Committee supervises our landscape contractor, Cagwin & Dorward. The Committee does walk around inspections of the sprinklers, lawns, plants and trees; meet with our landscape manager and issue work orders. The members, on occasion, do fun gardening projects within the complex. Contact: Valerie Boone 521-3907.

Social Committee: Plans our annual picnic and holiday get together. Contact: Barbara Bolton 521-2101



Bubba's Buddies

Let me introduce, Maile!
We haven't officially met since she doesn't get out much. She

does her best to keep up with what's going on in the neighborhood while sitting looking out the windows. Watching birds, squirrels, and dogs on their walks top her list of favorite things to do, followed closely by having a nice nap. We definitely have lots in common!

Thanks to Sandy Quist for sharing Maile's story with me.



Personal Preparedness: Crown Harbor CERT will hold a meeting, "Map your Neighborhood" on Monday, April 18th, 7:00 pm at 530 Queens Road. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact: Jan Rogerson: 510.523.8381 or janrogerson@comcast.net

Check it out! *Some restaurant recommendations from your neighbors.*

Ninna Restaurant - 4066 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland is a sweet place with very nice food. It's Mediterranean-Thai fusion, tiny but charming with white table cloths and pretty china. It's owned and operated by a husband (chef)/ wife(hostess) team, and has been on KQED's "Check Please!"

Lake Chalet - 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland has a great location with al fresco dining available right on Lake Merritt. They offer lunch, dinner and brunch on Sunday.

Earthquake Gas Line Shut Off Valves:

Gas shut off valves are required by the city when any work is done on your gas line or when the residence is sold. Weber Plumbing from Alameda has reduced their single installation price of \$465 to \$399 when Crown Harbor installs more than 10 valves. So far 10 individuals have signed-up so, we have met the requirement for the \$399 price. If you are interested in this service and would like to take advantage of the discounted rate please contact Jan Rogerson, phone 523.8381, e-mail: janrogerson@comcast.net by May 15th. The \$399 price includes the installation and the city permit, a \$99 value.

Eligible for Military Benefits?

The Moffett Field Commissary is hosting an on-site sale for service members, including retirees, and their families on Coast Guard Island, Alameda. All authorized customers are welcome to shop. Customers who regularly use their commissary benefit typically save 30 percent or more on their grocery bills.

Sale location: Coast Guard Island, Bldg 16 (Gym)

Dates of Sale: 13 MAY 2011

Hours of Sale: 09:00 – 17:00.

For more Information contact: RAUL ABREGO

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Opinion of the Editor:

Each year fewer and fewer residents attend Board meetings, the Annual meeting or participate in any way with the business of the CHHOA. Worse still, only **42 of the 76 homeowners even bothered to vote** during this recent Board election. I'm sure there were reasons some couldn't get their ballots back and I know all too well how tough it is to attend meetings or get involved in committees with other outside responsibilities and family commitments. However, if we don't support the Board and it's Committees who's going to? Most of us choose a community like Crown Harbor so we can enjoy the surroundings without the pesky jobs associated with home ownership. And, I'd venture to say most of us have never even read the CC&Rs we so frequently quote in this newsletter. Each of us owns 1/76th of this property - that's nearly **three quarters of a million dollars** (your home value + annual dues + reserve balance). We ALL share the responsibility for the smooth operation of this community. Yes, we have a management company, but Massingham's job isn't to make decisions for our community, but rather to implement, where appropriate, the decisions the Board has made and to keep the Board in compliance with California State laws for Homeowners Associations. That leaves the Board to take on some very tough matters. We owe them our support. The board doesn't work in a vacuum, nor do they want to. So maybe we can't all make monthly Board meetings, but how about every other month or quarterly? Give them your encouragement. How about those committees looking for volunteers mentioned above? We all have something to offer. Please consider sharing your talents. To those familiar faces who are always at the meetings and to those involved with our committees, work parties, etc. my sincere thanks.

Peggy McDermott

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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.

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