

The Clarion

Crown Harbor Community Newsletter

July 2011

Board of Directors:

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

Next Board Meeting:

July 28th, 7pm at The Sheppard's 1305 Crown Drive.

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

Board Meeting Agendas are available on our website at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Click here to review: <http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/events/agenda.pdf>

Board Notes:

The meeting of the Crown Harbor Homeowners Association Board of Directors was held Thursday, June 23, at 7:00 PM at 1305 Crown Drive. Alex Faymonville, of Massingham and Associates, Dave Eck, Don Gibson, Sean McDermott and Scott Sheppard, of the Board of Directors were present. Gene McDermott was absent.

Public parking and the No Trespassing signs were discussed at Homeowners open forum and committee reports were presented. The Board and Design Review Committee briefly discussed existing satellite antennas in the complex and their compliance with the CC&Rs. Further discussion on this issue is needed.

Wording changes to the CC&Rs, considered to clarify various issues, were forwarded to the lawyers for review.

The lawyers recommend we make no changes to the wording in all cases.

The CERT committee will meet again on June 30th.

Burney Matthews, with the Security Committee continues to enforce the no overnight parking in the spots outside the gate.

Financially, we collected \$31,935.84 and spent \$29,487.58 on our monthly expenses. We contributed \$11,074.00 to the Reserve fund but spent \$6,861.26 on Siding repair, \$1,300.00 on Pest/Termite repair and \$11,766.71 on Plumbing/Sewer Repair (Lift Station pump replacement).

The Board approved installation of a battery back-up system for the front gate and deferred decision on numerous other items while further information and competitive quotes can be obtained.

A special meeting will be scheduled with the roofing company developing a detailed estimate for temporary repair of our existing slanted roofs, replacement of our flat roofs and future replacement of the slanted roofs. The time and place for this meeting will be announced separately.

As you can see, our Board and committees continues to be extremely active in support of our community.

Crown Harbor Website - Updates

submitted by Scott Sheppard

As your association secretary, I have made some updates to the Crown Harbor website. Most of the activity has been on sub pages of the committee page:

<http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/committees.html>

- In addition to the sewer lateral work, the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab rally is listed on the event page: <http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/events.html>
PDF files for the association documents are available: <http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/ccr.html>
- The Architectural Variance request form is available as a Word document: <http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/designreview.html>
- The common area event policy that we passed months ago is spelled out as a link on the Landscape page: <http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/landscape.html>
- The security page contains many new items related to safety around the association: <http://home.comcast.net/~crown.harbor/security.html>

Our goal of having a web site is to impart information but also cast our association in a positive light. The site is public. If someone were considering purchasing one of our units, we would like to be able to direct them to the site and have them come away with a good impression of Crown Harbor. The web page is a work in process. I have looked at it to the extent that any mistakes are now oblivious to me. So if there are any proofreaders among us or anyone who just wants to make suggestions for changes or improvements, I am all ears. You can reply to me directly. scott.s.sheppard@comcast.net

A Note from our HOA President

I attended a meeting last week on the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL) plan for Alameda point. I would expect that with the number of professional employees they would have, the project would possibly have a positive impact on our properties as well on those on Webster. Note the meetings scheduled for July 13th beginning with a barbecue at 6 PM.

The Alameda director for our proposal indicated a large supporting turnout would be a good thing.

Alameda Point is on the short list of finalists for LBNL's Second Campus! **What happened to the First Campus?** It's still there, nestled in the Berkeley Hills. Over 2,000 scientists are hard at work, pioneering solutions to global problems in human health, renewable energy, and clean technology, to name a few. There's just one challenge. The first campus isn't big enough anymore. So LBNL is looking for additional space in the East Bay. If LBNL selects Alameda Point for its Second Campus, it could benefit the City in a number of ways, such as:

- Stimulate economic activity in West Alameda
- Bolster our city's green-tech reputation
- Serve as a catalyst for future Alameda Point development
- Expand the city's community resource base
- Inspire our children and fuel their imaginations

LBNL will make a public announcement on its preferred site in November, 2011.

Make Alameda Point First Choice for Second Campus!

Here's how you can show your support:

Attend the Pre-Public Meeting BBQ

Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Grass Mall area across the street from Auctions By The Bay Theater, 2700 Saratoga Street, Alameda

Attend the Public Meeting with LBNL

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Auctions By The Bay Theater

2700 Saratoga Street, Alameda

<http://www.cityofalamedaca.gov/City-Hall/Let-s-Put-the-Point-to-Work>

TGIF Get Together - Friday, August 12th

Our hosts are Valerie and Jephtha Boone, 1304 Crown Drive. 6:30 to 8 pm. Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share. **Please RSVP if you plan to attend: valerieboone@me.com or Tel: 521-3907**

Sept 9th will be hosted by Sheryl & Scott Sheppard.

If you'd like to host a future TGIF, please let us know and we'll happily get you on the list!

Mulch Madness - Spread the Word! (and the mulch) Saturday, July 16th 9:00am

Hilary Price Rhymes with Orange



The CH Landscape Committee will be ordering another load of bark mulch for a "mulch madness" morning. It will arrive on site Friday, July 15th with a work party scheduled for **Saturday July 16th at 9 AM**. The focus will be on the newly pruned areas in the lawn area sided by Queens, Kings, and Crown. The pile will be in the parking area in front of the lawn area. Bring your wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, containers, etc. and join in the fun.

It takes a Village...

Thank you, David Mears for volunteering to paint the red postal flags on our mailboxes. They were looking faded and worn but are now back to their original luster.

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