



The Clarion

Crown Harbor Community Newsletter

March 2013

Board of Directors:

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

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday 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>

New Location for Annual Meeting:

Ballena Bay Yacht Club; Wednesday, March

27th. Sign In at 6:45; Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Ballena Bay Yacht Club is located at 1150 Ballena Blvd., Alameda. The Association By-Laws require that 51% of the members (39 homes) be present in person or by ballot to establish a quorum in order to conduct the meeting. We had a very poor turn out last year and almost didn't make the quorum needed to elect the new Board. *Please* plan to attend - but if you aren't able, please be sure to mail your ballot so it is **received by Massingham before the 27th.**

Cast your votes for the Board of Directors. By the time you're reading this, you should have received your Ballot and Meeting Package for the Annual Meeting. There are two items requiring your vote:

- a) Board of Directors - There are six candidates for the Board. You are asked to cast 5 votes, one for each of five candidates. You may cast no more than 1 vote for any one candidate.
- b) Transfer of excess Operating Funds - Any excess funds remaining in the Operating Budget at the end of a calendar year can be taxed unless they are transferred into the Reserve funds. You are asked to vote on whether to transfer the funds to reserve at the end of 2013 or to pay taxes on the remaining funds.

Ballots will be counted at the Annual Meeting. Mail your ballots back to Massingham & Assoc. in advance or bring them to the meeting.

THANK YOU, Don Gibson

for your years of service to our community as a Board member. Your quiet and thoughtful counsel will be missed.

Major Changes in Management:

As some of you may have heard, Massingham & Associates have moved their office to Newark. Coincident to this move, Alex Faymonville decided to pursue other opportunities and left the company. Our new Association Manager is Cathy Mount, CMCA. We welcome Cathy to the Team. She can be reached at:

Cathy Mount, CMCA

Community Association Manager

Massingham & Associates - An Associa Company

8000 Jarvis Avenue, Newark, CA 94560

Phone: 510.896-2660

Board Notes: The CHHOA Board held their February meeting on Wednesday the 28th. Two Board members were absent but with three members present, the Meeting proceeded as planned. Three homeowners also attended. The Board welcomed Cathy Mounts to the Team and filled her in on some of our Association business. Cathy is ready to take on the challenge. The Board followed the published agenda for the meeting, heard concerns from the attending members, approved the February Board Notes, the Executive Session notes and the Financial Summary. In addition, the Board discussed the status of our Siding & Paint project, a work order to install in-line fuses in each of our street lights, repair of the spot light on the US Flag and repairs to the safety features on our driveway gates.

We extend our deepest sympathies

to Renee Kellogg and Burny Matthews on the sudden passing of Renee's son Ryan Kellogg from a brain aneurysm on February 17th. A decorated Army veteran, Ryan was a member of the 82nd Airborne and served in Korea and Iraq. Our hearts go out to Renee and her family on their unimaginable loss.

Mulch Madness - Saturday, March 9th: Each year, the Landscaping committee brings mulch into the complex to improve our ground cover and conserve our water. In past years, we covered a lot of the common areas with your help. The Landscaping Committee has a couple targeted areas and will have 2 piles of mulch (about 5 yards each) dumped in prominent places of the complex. We'll organize a work party on Saturday morning at 9:00 at the Crown/Kings intersection. So, grab your wheel barrow (or trash can) a shovel and come lend a hand.

Buy, Sell or Trades: Have a tradesperson that's done a great job and want to share their info? Have something you'd like to sell or give away? Maybe you're searching for that special treasure and want to get the word out. Let us know and we'll publish it. Pictures welcome!

Notice the white space on the newsletter?

I have tried to prompt, cajole, ask and even begged a little for articles and information to put into the newsletter. Sadly, I've gotten about 5 in the last 3 years. As you have probably noticed most of the articles or news that was written was essentially the Board minutes.

While it's nice to get that information it is not the intent of the newsletter and should not be its main focus. The newsletter isn't a Board publication. It's become more of a burden to a certain board member (or for any of them for that matter) to write up these notes in addition to the hours spent each month involved in other board duties.

So, given we haven't got much else to include, I think it's time we consider publishing the newsletter bi-monthly or even quarterly.

If you would be interested in taking over this publication, please let me know. I'll be happy to hand over the reigns.

Regular updates of Board news will continue to be posted on our website.

Of course, there's always the old fashioned way of getting the news...attend the monthly meeting!

Sprinklers are back in action

If you notice any sprinkler heads leaking, etc. please call Dave Eck, 522-5210.

TGIF Get Together We need hosts for future get togethers. If you'd like to open your home, please call or email me and I'll get you signed up.

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This is an emergency line only. If your issue can wait until normal business hours, call Cathy at her contact numbers above.

Gate Codes:

Side gate: 514 Pathway Gates: 30245