

The Clarion

Crown Harbor Community Newsletter

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This is an emergency line only.

If your issue can wait until normal business hours,
call Cathy at her number above.

Crown Harbor Board of Directors

David Eck - President,

Sean McDermott - Co-Vice President

Roseanne DiSandro - Co-Vice President

Scott Sheppard - Secretary

Gene McDermott - Treasurer

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Gate Codes:

See the [phone directory](#).

Board Meeting: May 22nd at 7pm

The Sheppard's, 1305 Crown Drive.

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 view:

<http://crownharbor.org/events/agenda.pdf>

Board Notes from the 2013 Annual Meeting:

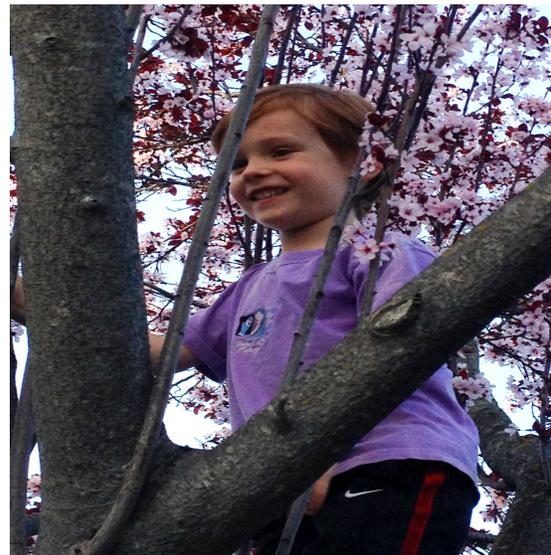
After a very short discussion, the members reached full consensus on Officer Assignments. Dave will remain President, liaison to Landscape and the 'face of the Board' around the community. Gene will continue pinching pennies as our Treasurer and poking our contractors as our default 'Contracts Manager'. Scott will continue his outstanding service as Secretary keeping us all informed of happenings around the Community. In addition to his liaison to the Design Review committee, he will also head up the Reserve Committee and drive a new update to our Reserve Plan. Roseanne and Sean agreed to share the responsibilities of Vice President and other issues as they arise.

You're Kidding! A Mop Head? Really?

On Saturday, 14 April, the sewer pumps failed again. Two of your dedicated Board members spent their Saturday chasing down the Massingham contact and the pump contractor to arrange an emergency service call. Rayco Plumbing, who installed the two new pumps, were here within an hour, over-rode the control system and got one pump working again. On Monday, they came back, pulled out the two pumps and cleaned them out. What they found was a mop head tangled in the impeller of one of the two pumps. A MOP HEAD? REALLY? If your wondering, yes, that new toilet you installed, that flushes 4 tennis balls at once, will take the head off your mop. Whoever made the mistake of getting their string mop too close to the toilet, cost the association about \$2500 in service charges. Please be careful what you flush down your toilet!

T G I F We started this tradition 2 years ago, and it went strong for awhile. Hosts open their homes on a Friday of their choice between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. Everyone brings an appetizer to share and their own beverage of choice. If you'd be interested in hosting please let me know. Roseanne and Rusty DiSandro are on for August. Anyone else??

A very handsome Garrett Boone sharing the spotlight with Grandma Val's flowering cherry tree.



Hey, What's with the Reserved Parking Spot?

A number of residents have asked this question lately. I refer you to pages 5 and 12 of our CC&Rs to convince yourself we're not making this stuff up. Yes, some residents have an 'exclusive use parking space' assigned to them in the title of their units. Recently an owner presented a hardship and safety issue to the Board and received permission to mark their reserved space. Unfortunately, at the time, the Board didn't specify exactly how to do it -no, the Board is not always perfect-

Based on this incident, the Board will develop a policy defining if, when and how an exclusive use parking space may be marked -at owner's expense. Those details will follow shortly, but I can assure you it will not include red paint.

In the mean time, if you think you have an assigned parking space and find the need and/or desire to claim it, mark it, and reserve it for your exclusive use, please take a copy of the section of your title specifically assigning you a numbered spot and send it to Cathy and/or the Board. This language must show both your unit address and a specific parking space number. Management will match your information with their records and parking maps and if all checks out, provide you written authorization to mark your space, per the soon-to-be-approved policy. Any such marking will be at owner's expense.

The Board really does NOT want to become 'parking police' so please let's not blow this out of proportion. Let's make this the exception, not the rule. If you really don't care if your spot is marked, don't even bother with any of this.

Potatoes, Po-taah-toes...either way delicious.

Thanks to Roseanne DiSandro for sharing.

Company Potatoes

1 (2 pound bag) frozen hash browns
1/2 cup melted butter
1 can of cream of chicken soup - undiluted
1/2 cup of chopped onion
10 ounces of cheddar cheese
16 ounces of sour cream

Combine all the ingredients together. Spread in 9x13 pan. Bake for 45 minutes in a 350 oven. Great for barbecue or brunch. It is also our must for Easter dinner. Variations for topping combine 1/4 cup of melted butter and 2 cups of crushed corn flakes. Spread over potato mixture. Makes 12 servings

Community Garage Sale At the annual meeting in March, members expressed an interest in having a Community Garage Sale. This is a time for you to empty your garages and closets and enjoy the new found space. September, after Labor Day, when families are finished with vacations and the kids are in school would be an ideal time. If you are interested, please let me know which date is best for the Sale: Saturday, September 7th or Saturday, September 14th? Tell me which day works for you and the majority choice will be the Sale day. Also contact me if you have any suggestions or questions. If we have enough participants, I will gladly provide a plan and work with you. Please contact me at: rusty.rosanne@comcast.net. I will be on vacation from 5/1 to 5/26, but will pick up my emails. Thank you! Roseanne DiSandro

Lost in Transition. If you've noticed a lapse in some of the routine Management type of things lately, you're not alone. The Board has noted the transition from Alex to Cathy has been a bit bumpy. For instance, we haven't received our monthly statements for the Special Roof Assessment. The Board is working with Cathy to identify these loose ends and tie them up. If you notice any specific items like this, please let the Board know (board@crownharbor.org) so we can chase them down.

Have some news you'd like to share? Ideas for other articles in *The Clarion*?

Send them please! Format isn't important. Email, Word or if you're not a big computer person, send me a written note (590 Kings) and I'll get it in the next issue.

To make the June issue, please send in your notes by May 28th.

"A Body in motion tends to stay in motion."

As Peggy is out of town, you'll have to settle for my choice of quote this month. In his second law of motion, Sir Isaac Newton describes what we think of as momentum. It's the force that keeps a physical body moving. Although not physical, we often apply this theory to actions and activities. I've chosen it because, in my mind, it describes the intent of our Board of Directors. Over the past few years, our Board has built up a lot of momentum. There are a lot of irons in the fire that will push us into the coming year. We appreciate your vote of confidence and ask only that you become part of it. Join us as we continue to make Crown Harbor even better for everyone. -Gene

