

The Clarion

Crown Harbor Community Newsletter

August 2013

Board Meeting: August 28th 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>

Punch List and Contract Completion!!

Working closely with the Board members, Dan Poe, our Project Manager, sorted through all of the punch list items provided by our residents. As expected, we had a mix of clean-up, touch-up items under the contract and a few items that were additions to the contract. The Board approved all of these additions, totaling about \$7,000.00. Dan expects our contractors will complete all of these items the first week of August.

Is it finally over? No, unfortunately it's never over.

Maintenance never ends. Now that we're closing out the requirements of our Bundled (roof tune up, siding repair and painting) contract, we have other items to deal with. Such as, the flat, 'walk-out' roofs. We also need to deal with some repair and sealing of our asphalt surfaces (streets and path). Dan is collecting quotes now and we'll keep you advised of progress.

TGIFs 6:30 to 8:30 pm August 23rd at the DiSandro's, 548 Queens. Bring your favorite beverage, a snack to share and get your weekend started!

Please RSVP if you plan to attend:

rusty.roseanne@comcast.net or 522-2189.

Follow-up on Street Lights

Fluoresco Lighting is evaluating the condition of our lights and looking into why one string just shuts off unexpectedly. He'll be conducting some experiments over the next couple weeks in an attempt to isolate the problem. If you see something odd or unusual with the lights, please be sure to tell Dave Eck (davideck1311@comcast.net) or Tom Burns (tr.burns@yahoo.com) what you noticed and when so they can pass the information on to Fluoresco.

Design Review Committee Note

At the request of one of our homeowners, the Committee reviewed and approved a fiberglass version of a replacement front entry door. The door closely resembles existing doors and is less expensive than the wood or metal doors. Check the web site or with the committee members for details.

USS Hornet Museum

Are you looking for a fun way to spend a couple of days a month? Three of your neighbors do it by volunteering as docents on the USS Hornet Museum, a five minute drive or a 25 minute walk from Crown Harbor. The Hornet is open 7 days a week, except for Christmas and New Years, and is always looking for volunteers in several disciplines.

Crown Harbor residents Paul Ackerman, Tom Burns and Chuck Myers all presently serve as docents. Paul and Chuck are both Navy veterans and served on aircraft carriers like the Hornet some years back. Tom, although he was a "Navy brat" (his father was career Navy), never served on a carrier or in the Navy and he illustrates very effectively how someone with little or no actual Navy experience can be a great docent for the museum.

So what is involved? Well, if you are 21 or older and physically able, male or female, each 1st Saturday of the month the Hornet hosts potential volunteers of all types at 9:30 for what is known as New Volunteer Orientation (NVO). During the first session potential volunteers are made aware of the opportunities for not only docents, but for security, ship restoration and aircraft restoration positions as well. Those who find the docent option to their taste return at 9:30 on the 2nd Saturday of the month for NVO docent orientation. After the 2nd Saturday the new docent trainees complete 18 on board hours of shadowing experienced docents on tours learning the ship and the lingo. After 18 hours - or more if a trainee does not feel comfortable - the new docent is expected to lead a tour with a docent supervisor in tow for final qualification. There are also a myriad of continuing education classes in everything from the ship's engine room to Primary Flight Control to fill out the background one might wish to have.

And about that lingo, which often puts off folks who weren't in the Navy: If you can remember that port is left and starboard is right (when facing forward), that the bow is in front and the stern is in back, that a "head" is a bathroom,

that decks replace floors and bulkheads replace walls you are 50 percent of the way to sounding like a real sailor!

If you are curious, go to the Hornet website: www.uss-hornet.org and see if it piques more interest. You will find a volunteer form there. If you are terminally curious, contact Chuck at ckmyers33@sbcglobal.net and he will provide more information and probably push just a little.

Fair winds and following seas

Community Garage Sale: September 7th

For more details contact Roseanne DiSandro
rusty.roseanne@comcast.net or 522-2189

Development of the Government Property

Thank you to all members who attended the Board meeting and participated in the Homeowners Open Forum. The churn over the final use of the Federal Government property across from Kings Road was a major discussion topic.

Through the discussion, it's quite evident that our owners feel very strongly about the issue. However, the feeling of the community is not consistent; between neighbors, and even between Board members, there are opposing views. Each homeowner and citizen is entitled to their own opinion and are free to support their choice in any way they choose. HOWEVER, the Board must remain neutral and unbiased. We encourage you to get involved; contact your Congress person or City Council, ban together if you like but don't expect the Board to spearhead your view. The Board will work to arrange a meeting between our homeowners and each of the two involved parties (Lewis & Parks) so they can share their plans and you can all ask questions directly.

Sticking with the general topic of the Government property, there is some movement to investigate the REAL story with our shared drainage pipes. After informal consultation with local experts, the Board agreed to solicit a Title Search of our parcel. This should tell us the details of any existing liens or easements on our property. We'll proceed from there. Just as clarification, since there's confusion within the community, this is the Storm Drain system, NOT THE SEWER. They do not use our sewer pumps.

Community Emergency Response Team News

An earthquake, a big storm or another emergency can change our lives in a minute. Here at Crown Harbor we want to be ready and prepared if our community has an emergency. In an emergency such as a large earthquake we may not have the assistance of police, fire and ambulance for

an extended period of time. Consequently, we would need to work together, as teams, to help our families and ourselves first and then reach out to our neighbors. Four of our neighbors at Crown Harbor, Barbara Bolton, Ellen Marshall, Mariu Arzayus, and Deeahna Lorenz, have gone through the free course from the City of Alameda and have been certified and are part of Community Emergency Response Team. To get Crown Harbor ready we also need everyone, including you, to participate and help out. In that spirit, we are taking the next step in the 9-step neighborhood response plan that some of you participated in 2011. We are going to have neighborhood meetings to talk about how to prepare for a disaster, to show the small steps you can take, so that we can all pull together when needed. We all know that if there was a disaster we would pull together as a community, so we want to meet to make it clear how each person can best participate in a disaster.

Before the meetings, we four CERT volunteers will be coming door to door to update our information on residents, which we will need in an emergency. We trust you will be able to come to the meeting we are organizing for your particular section. If you cannot make it, be sure to attend the next meeting. You will be helping yourself, your family and your neighbors. It is always best to know and to be prepared! Please RSVP and join us in one of the following meetings.

Meetings and dates

Lower Crown Drive from 1335 to 1302

Thursday August 29th, 2013.

7:00 to 8:30 pm

1316 Crown Drive

Mariu Arzayus hosting (Tel: 510-814-0607 – Email: mariu.arzayus@gmail.com)

Upper Crown Drive, from 1389 to 1351

Friday September 13th, 2013

7:00 to 8:30 pm

1371 Crown Drive

Deeahna Lorenz hosting (Tel: 510-995-8134 Email: deeahnalorenz@att.net)

Kings and Queens Roads

Friday September 27th, 2013

7:00 to 8:30 pm

1335 Crown Drive

Ellen Marshall and Barbara Bolton hosting (Tel: 510 521-2101- Email: bbolton@hbrinfo.com)