

# CROWN HARBOR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## THE CLARION

MARCH 2014

### BALLOTS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Please don't be discouraged by what seems to be an insane process, (it is)!!**

You have 5 votes to cast but no more than 1 for any individual. Fill out your ballot (yellow sheet), insert it into the yellow envelope and then place the yellow envelope into the white postage paid envelope with the bottom portion (Massingham's address) of the cover sheet. Make sure Massingham's address shows through the envelope window and **SIGN the white envelope** on the line provided on the lower left hand side. Whew! This is obviously a government process!

**Signed Ballots must be received by Massingham by Wednesday, March 26th.** You can also bring your ballot (in the white, signed envelope) to the Annual Meeting on the 26th at the **Ballena Bay Yacht Club**.

**IRS ruling 70-604:** This ruling allows us to transfer any excess funds in the operating budget at the end of 2014 into the reserve fund without being taxed. If we do not transfer these funds we will be taxed. We encourage you to approve this IRS resolution.

### HELPFUL HANDS OR HARMFUL VANDALISM?

During the walk-through for our lighting and power audit, the Alameda Municipal Power consultant noted problems with our bollard lights along the shore-side path. We should be getting a lot more light on the path than we see. Specifically, he noted many of the directional louvers were closed down, drastically reducing the light and wasting our energy. After further discussion with our maintenance committee, our maintenance contractor and other board members, we've learned we have phantom hands "helping" with the lights. After the bulbs were changed and the louvers reset by maintenance personnel, other unauthorized members of our community re-opened the lights and closed the louvers down. In one case, we even found the bulb wrapped in aluminum foil. We can only assume the residents in that area are being inconvenienced in some way, by the light. However, we've never received any complaints along these lines. As much as we all need to be involved in our community, these unsolicited modifications are not the way. We use 150 watt high pressure sodium bulbs powered by 240 volts and driven by a high capacity ballast. The dangers of electric shock and burns are extreme.

**NOBODY should be touching these lights!** If you have a problem with the lights or the glare they cause, please make your concerns known to Massingham or members of the Board so they can be addressed in a safe and effective manner that best suits the community.

### BOARD NOTES

As announced, the Board meeting on the 19th of February was abbreviated to accommodate an extended Executive Session. The Board approved the minutes from the January regular and executive meetings as well as the treasurer's report. Members heard reports from the Landscape, Design Review, Maintenance and Security committees. Two new items were introduced and discussed briefly. Comcast submitted a proposed access and service contract to the Association, requesting acceptance and offering a signing bonus for a quick decision. The Board noted that the proposed contract is not suitable for our community and directed Massingham to contact Comcast for a revision.

The results and recommendations from the lighting audit conducted by Alameda Municipal Power were also summarized.

### Upcoming Events:

#### CHHOA Annual Meeting:

**Wednesday, March 26**  
7:00 pm **Ballena Bay Yacht Club**

#### April Board Meeting:

Wednesday, April 23rd.

7:00 pm

The Sheppard's - 1305 Crown Dr.  
Agendas are available on our website at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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

#### TGIF - April 11th

6:30-8:30 pm

Robert & Rise Hammond. 1329 Crown Dr. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share. **RSVP** (510) 814-0254 or email: [robertham2@gmail.com](mailto:robertham2@gmail.com)

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## Board Notes Continued

With AMPs rebate program, the initial estimates of cost and savings look promising. Further investigation is needed. Both of these topics are open for discussion at the annual meeting. Other topics of discussion included updates on insurance renewal, sidewalk repair, drip irrigation proposals, asphalt repair, gutter guards proposal, damage repair from a sewer lateral blockage, nomination status and annual

meeting preparations.

The Board adjourned to executive session at about 7:45 PM.

## TGIF—APRIL 11TH

Join us at the Hammond's, 1329 Crown Drive . Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Bring your favorite beverage and snack to share.

At this time, we have no others scheduled so f you'd like to host a TGIF, please let me know.

YOU ALL SAW THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR LAST EBMUD BILL, BUT IT'S WORTH REPEATING.

## Don't spoil the Bay

### Five types of pollutants to keep out of drains

- S** Soaps, solvents and cleaning supplies labeled "toxic," "corrosive," "flammable," or "ignitable," contain harmful chemicals that can affect aquatic life.
- P** Pills, including unwanted or unused prescriptions, release dangerous drugs into the Bay. Discard your unwanted medicines at a designated collection site.
- O** Oils, fats and grease from cooking clog drains. This includes grease drippings from meat. Scrape cooking fats into the garbage or into your green recycling bin.
- I** Intimate one-time-use products labeled "disposable," or "flushable," such as condoms, tampons, dental floss and personal hygiene wipes clump in the sewer line and cause backups. Always throw these products in the trash.
- L** Landscaping materials like fertilizers and pesticides contain potentially hazardous chemicals that can pollute local creeks and the Bay. Rain or other water currents can carry these products to storm drains, bypassing the treatment process.

## BUBBA'S BUDDIES



Welcome, Maggie!

A 4 month-old Labradoodle, she's made friends with Maggie (the Goldendoodle), Coco, and me so far but is anxious to meet her neighbors, especially Max! Having recently completed her first Puppy Training, she's going to start her second class in March. She is always ready to play and loves kids, adults and other dogs.

Stop by and say hello! Maggie lives with her "Mom" Barbara Bolton on Kings Road.



**Ideas for a future Clarion issue?** Send them via email, phone or drop me a note.