

How do you Celebrate... the Fourth of July?

By David J. Canepa There are many ways people celebrate the Fourth of July. This year Fourth of July lands on a Thursday and millions of Americans will be hosting or attending barbecues. The preferred choice of many is the hotdog, and it is estimated that over 150 million hot dogs will be eaten on the Fourth of July. Some of you may watch the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island on July 4th. This event challenges its competitors to eat the most hot dogs within a certain time. Bay Area's own Joey "the Jaws" Chestnut holds the record for eating the most hotdogs - 62 in ten minutes. While you celebrate with your family and friends take the moment to reflect on the history and importance of the 4th of July.

According to historians, in the pre-Revolutionary years, colonists held annual celebrations of the King's birthday, These traditionally included the ringing of bells, bonfires, processions and speech making. By contrast, during the summer of 1776 some colonists celebrated the birth of independence by holding mock funerals for King George III, as a way of symbolizing the end of the monarchy's hold on America and the triumph of liberty.

On July 2nd 1776, the Continental Congress voted almost unanimously in favor of Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence. The New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively. That day, John Adams wrote his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Thomas Jefferson. Though the actual vote for independence took place on July 2nd, The date of the

adoption of the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, became the day that would be celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Beginning immediately after its adoption, public readings of the Declaration of Independence were accompanied by concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets. While Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war, Philadelphia held its first commemoration of Independence on July 4, 1777. George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of Independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the final American victory at Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties, the Federalists and the Democratic-Republicans, began holding their own separate Independence Day celebrations in many cities.

The tradition of patriotic celebration became even more widespread after the War of 1812, in which the United States again faced Great Britain. In 1870, the U.S. Congress made July 4th a federal holiday; in 1941, the provision was expanded to grant a paid holiday to all federal employees. Over the years, Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism that continues to this day.

So this year when you celebrate with your family and friends reflect on our country's history and relish in the celebration!

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OBEY all traffic signs and Association Rules and Regulations.
Do not park in a RED ZONE or over the time limit of any VISITOR SPACE without
CCHOA permission. You will NOT be called. You WILL be TOWED.
DO NOT drive the wrong-way or back down ONE-WAY streets. The fine is \$100!

**Remember...
Dues increase
with your July payment**

**No fireworks of any kind
are allowed on
Crown Colony property**

Parking Passes

Any vehicle entering Crown Colony without a valid parking sticker, operated by either a Crown Colony resident or a visitor, must:

- 1) Enter via the Visitor's Lane,
- 2) Identify themselves as a resident,
- 3) Tell the gate guard their address,
- 4) Be given a "Resident's Pass" and
- 5) Properly display the pass.

Failure to comply with the above, may get you towed. A Resident's Pass is valid for only 72 hours, please carefully read the front and back of the pass carefully.

Visitor Space Rule

This visitor parking rule is being published as a reminder to all residents. Visitor space parking is limited to 72 hours for both resident's and non-resident's vehicles. Vehicles must be moved to a different space each and every 72 hour period. The vacated visitor parking space may not be filled by another vehicle registered to that same unit. If the visitor space is occupied by another vehicle registered to that unit, the same 72 hour period will continue to accrue. Whether you are parked in the space for 72 hours or less, you have to wait for 72 hours to pass (after you have moved your vehicle) before you put the same vehicle or another vehicle belonging to the same unit back into the space that you vacated. Violator's vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. The owner will not be called. This rule also applies for the 24 hour parking spaces.

Animals on Bus

It has come to our attention, that some riders are bringing their dogs on the shuttle bus. The bus is for residents. The only dogs allowed to ride on it are service dogs. The shuttle is intended to transport residents to and from the BART station. Service dogs are trained to handle crowded situations, household pets are not. Further,

many people are allergic to pets and being around them can cause health problems. For everybody's safety and health, we are requesting that those of you bringing dogs or other animals on the bus cease doing this immediately.

Imagine...

a grocery store within walking distance of Crown Colony. It is not just a dream. It will soon be a reality! A grocery store and much, much more are coming to our neighborhood next year. This past April, the Planning Commission and Daly City City Council both approved plans for the rebuilding of the site at Serramonte and Gellert Boulevards currently occupied by a furniture store, Office Depot and Sports Authority. Demolition is expected to begin soon. A completely new complex consisting of one large building and three smaller pads with expanded parking will soon be under construction. The newly renamed Gellert Market Place is expected to open for business in September 2014.

Several tenants have already signed leases. They are: Sprouts Farmer's Market which features all natural and organic meats and produce. It is very much like Whole Foods but sells at a lower price point. Bed, Bath & Beyond will be moving from Colma's Metro Center into the rebuilt center. The Panera Bakery & Cafe will occupy one of the smaller pads. More on these stores can be found at their respective web sites:

<http://sprouts.com/>

<http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com/default.asp>

<http://www.panerabread.com/>

A number of spaces are still available for rent; however, all are expected to be occupied by the Market Place's opening a year from September.

Holiday Hours

The Association will observe the following hours on Thursday July 4, 2013

Recreation Office 10 am - 6 pm
Association Office Closed



Contact us via e-mail at
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On the Web:
www.crowncolonyhoa.com

NO SMOKING
in the Corridors, Elevators,
Laundries, Gyms or Clubhouse



May Board Actions

Financial Report Ending April 30, 2013: Bautista & Co. reflected a surplus for the month of \$42,138, an ending cash balance of \$1,335,366, and total investments of \$1,107,624 which is designated to reserves.

Ratification of Window and Door Installations: The Board ratified the installation of windows and doors at 395 Imperial Way #122, 395 Imperial Way #149 and 359 Half Moon Lane #209.

Ratification of Electric Fireplace Installation: The Board ratified the electric fireplace installation at 368 Imperial Way #104.

Management Company Renewal Proposal - Common Interest Management Services: The Board approved the renewal proposal from Common Interest Management Services for an annual cost of \$185,016 to go into effect July 1, 2013.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #1 - Janitorial Service Contract - Line 5192: The Board approved the proposal from Custom Maintenance to perform the janitorial services for an annual cost of \$155,280 which represents a \$240 per month increase over last year.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #2 - Compactor Service - Case Compactors Line #5420: The Board approved the proposal from Case Compactors to perform the garbage compacting service for an annual cost of \$165,194 which reflects a 5% increase over last year's cost and includes holiday costs for 4 days to be effective July 1, 2013.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #3 - Elevator Service Contract - Line #5110: The Board approved the proposal from Transbay Elevator Co. to provide the inspection and lubrication on 14 elevators for a cost of \$1,240 per month or \$14,880 annually which represents no increase from last year.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #4 - Pest Control Contract - Line #5160: The Board approved the proposal from Alert Pest Control for the pest control services for a cost of \$520 per month or \$6,240 annually which represents no increase from last year.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #5 - Landscape Service Contract Renewal - Ideal Landscape - Line #5140: The Board approved the proposal from Ideal Landscaping Services effective July 1, 2013 through June

30, 2014 for a cost of \$7,050 per month or \$84,600 annually which represents no increase from last year.

Deck Stack Proposal for 2013-2014 - Dan Butler & Associates: The Board approved the proposal from Dan Butler & Associates for \$255,150,47 for the deck stack repairs for 2013-2014 which includes a \$10,000 dry rot allowance to be funded from line #9707.

Architectural Fees for 2013-2014 - Norman Hooks: The Board approved the proposal from Norman Hooks for \$22,274.63 for architectural services for 2013-2014 for deck stack package #19 to be funded from line #9722.

Phase 2 Plant Proposal Budget - Line #9915: The Board approved a not to exceed cost of \$20,000 for the phase 2 planting budget.

HOA Office Proposal - Saylor, Inc: The Board approved a not to exceed cost of \$4,410 for the replacement of office ceiling lights, the re-upholstery of an office chair and the replacement of the office counter top to be funded to line #9936.

Additional Pole Light Cost: The Board approved the 15 additional pole lights to replace the lollipop lights for a not to exceed cost of \$6,000 to be funded from line #9917.

Sales & Leasing Office Renewal Proposal - Crown Colony Properties: The Board approved the one year renewal proposal from Crown Colony Properties which includes the same terms as last year; \$100 for each "side" for a sale and \$50 for each rental that has been implemented effective July 17, 2013.

Authorization for Sunrise Assessment Services to Proceed with Recording Delinquent Assessments: The Board authorized Sunrise Assessment Services to proceed with recording delinquent assessments for TS#s 18298, 18299, 18300.

Garbage

Crown Colony rules require that "Garbage and trash shall be disposed of in garbage chutes or bins. Garbage must be wrapped or sealed in plastic bags before it is put into a chute or bin. Caution must be taken not to put any burning material into the chutes or bins." Please do your part. Seal your garbage bags tightly and make sure they go down the chute. This way we can all avoid unwanted pests, dirty garbage rooms and smelly garbage chutes.



PLEASE do not leave bottles, cans, newspapers, or other trash on top of your parking space's locker. Thank you!

PLEASE only deck furniture, grills, planters, pots & approved storage on decks & patios. No brooms, mops or pots on rails





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 HAPPY 4TH Office-Closed Rec Office open 10am-6pm	5	6 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
14	15	16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS Work Session 5:45pm Meeting 7 pm Open Forum 6:45 pm	17	18	19	20 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
28	29	30	31	Clubhouse Hours Mon. thru Sat. 10 am - 10 pm, Sun. 10 am - 6 pm Recreation office: 991-3441 Staff: Ferdie & Anne		

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS	
Architecture:	When posted
Building, Maintenance & Finance:	When posted
Communications:	When posted
Grievance:	1st Wed. 6:00 pm
Recreation:	When posted
Meetings are held in the Clubhouse unless posted otherwise. All meeting times approximate	

IMPORTANT NUMBERS	
EMERGENCY	Dial 911
Front Gate (24 Hours)	994-0255 or dial 350 on any Building Directory
Crown Colony Office	756-8220 Rita Nicolas e-mail: cchoa@crowncolonyhoa.com
Common Interest Management	286-0292 Veronica Sandoval 1720 S. Amphlett Blvd #130 San Mateo, CA 94402
Bautista & Co.	697-7907 Cecille Osmena 214 Broadway Millbrae, CA 94030
Astound Cable	1-800-427-8686 Dee Dee Agcaoili - 650-477-9596
Comcast Cable	1-800-945-2288 Craig Oborn - 650-642-0658
Coinmach Laundry	1-877-264-6622 or www.coinmach.com
Crown Colony Properties	650-994-0300

BUS to BART		
Monday thru Friday		
Leaves Crown Colony		
6:20 am	7:05 am	8:05 am
6:35 am	7:25 am	8:25 am
6:50 am	7:45 am	8:40 am
Leaves Colma BART		
4:35 pm	5:35 pm	6:30 pm
4:55 pm	5:55 pm	6:50 pm
5:15 pm	6:15 pm	7:05 pm
Schedule subject to change		