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Electronic waste

by David J. Canepa

Americans are hooked on electronics but are shamefully behind the times when it comes to recycling e-waste. There needs to be incentives in place to promote the recycling of electronic waste, which is harmful to human health and the environment.

I was inspired by a "60 Minutes" segment that tracked a shipping container filled with electronic waste in Colorado that made its way to China even though the recycler made assurances that the products would be recycled locally.

Once in China, e-waste such as computers, smartphones and televisions are recycled in a manner that is completely dangerous to workers and the environment.

We shouldn't be sending our problems overseas where e-waste contaminates water, soil and air.

Silicon Valley should be in the forefront of the world when it comes to protecting the public from its products, especially when their usefulness has come to an end.

Standards must be put in place to protect the health and safety of the public, the environment and the workers who handle e-waste. This is our problem and it's a problem that can be fixed through collaboration. This effort to responsibly recycle electronic waste will also create green jobs here in California.

This month, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to ensure that electronic waste is recycled in a responsible manner. My staff worked with the Office of Sustainability on language of the ordinance that will soon go into effect.

I've also learned that e-waste is comprised of all kinds of products. You know those cute little shoes children wear with the blinking lights? That is e-waste and it should not be thrown in the garbage.

Electronics contain potentially harmful components such as lead, cadmium, beryllium, or brominated flame

retardants. None of the heavy metals are good for the environment and should not end up in landfills. Electronic waste is not garbage.

The San Mateo County ordinance ensures that any e-waste recycler be certified with the state of California and be held to certain safety measures.

I look forward to advancing this initiative not only to protect our own residents but the residents in other nations who are paid very little to clean up our toxic messes.

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Thanksgiving Hours

The schedule for November 23 & 24, 2017.

Clubhouse/Rec Office Closed
Association Office Closed Thursday & Friday
Shuttle Service None - Thursday & Friday

Reminder: When the Clubhouse is closed you will be unable to add money to your laundry card.

Holiday Leaves

The Holidays are coming. It's a time when some of you will be going away for extended periods of time to visit relatives and renew old acquaintanceships.

If you are planning to leave Crown Colony for an extended period of time and wish to park one of your cars in the same visitor parking space for more than 72 hours, you must fill out a visitor's parking form which is **available only from the Association Office** and must be **turned in only to the Association Office**.

If the Office is unaware that you are out of town and unavailable to move your car, your car will be towed at your expense.



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!

Insurance Requirements

Owner Occupied Units: Crown Colony's governing documents require that "Each Owner shall carry public liability insurance, covering the Owner's individual liability for damage to persons or property occurring inside his or her Unit, other Units, Common Area or the appurtenant Exclusive Use Common Area, and with a minimum liability limit of not less than \$300,000 or in such other amount as the Board may establish from time to time by Rule".

Crown Colony unit owners, currently residing in their unit (rented units - see requirements below) will need to purchase an HO6 Condominium Policy. It is recommended that a minimum "Building Assessment" coverage limit of \$5,000 be purchased, as all unit owners, **regardless of negligence**, must now reimburse (see page 50 of the CC&R's) CCHOA for the \$5,000 master policy deductible if the property damage emanates from within your unit. Please note that this does not apply to damage that emanates from association property (such as a burst pipe inside a wall) or damages emanating from outside the unit (such as water damage resulting from a storm). Remember that all upgrades to the original construction (hardwood floors, granite countertops etc.) even if they were installed by a previous owner, should be insured under the HO6 policy. With regards to Liability coverage, as stated above, it is now a requirement that unit owners carry a minimum limit of \$300,000, however, unit owners may want to consider higher limits (\$500,000 or \$1,000,000), as the cost to increase liability coverage is very reasonable.

Rental Units: Crown Colony's governing documents require that "Each Owner who rents or leases out his or her Unit shall require the tenant(s) to purchase and maintain an 'HO4 Renters Policy' with a minimum personal liability limit of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) or such other amount as the Board may establish from time to time by Rule." Furthermore, owners of rented units are required to have liability insurance, owners must also purchase their own "Dwelling Fire Policy" (includes liability) or an "Owner Landlord Tenant Policy". Coverage recommendations / requirements are the same as those given above for owner occupied units. In addition to the coverage recommendations given above, unit owners may want to consider purchasing Loss of Rental Income coverage.



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

Xmas Decorations

If you will be hanging door wreaths or using outside decoration for the Christmas holiday, please do not put them up before the first week of December and please take them down no later than the first week of January.

Please remember not to damage your door in any way when attaching wreaths. Doors will be repainted at the owner's expense. Also do not attach Xmas lights in a manner that will damage the building's siding!

Hazardous Waste Alert!

By Rose Barrios

We, the residents of Crown Colony, are enjoying the upgrades and maintenance of our property. Whether we rent or own, this is our home. Newly painted buildings, and ongoing landscaping and maintenance keep our surroundings fresh and lovely.....but.....Butts!!

Cigarette butts are everywhere!! They are ruining efforts to keep our complex beautiful. The grounds are being used as ashtrays. Not only are cigarette butts disgusting to see and smell, but they are toxic hazardous waste. What can we do? Just as dog owners are responsible to clean up after their dogs, and everyone is personally responsible for sorting and placing recycling and trash in the proper containers, smokers - please be responsible with your cigarette butts. Find a proper way to dispose of them. Perhaps carry and put your cigarette butts in a small nonflammable container.

Let's all work together to keep Crown Colony a beautiful place to live!

Laundry Room Theft

The Association Office has received reports that residents have had items taken from machines that they are using in Crown's laundry rooms. While such incidents are difficult to totally prevent, we would like to remind residents to pick up their laundry as soon as it is done. This will help to discourage any potential thefts. Remember laundry machines run about 30 minutes and the dryers for 45 minutes or more.

The laundry rooms are open for use between 7:00am and 10:00pm. If laundry machines are operated outside these hours, the laundry room will be locked overnight.

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



Board Highlights

There was no September 2017 Board Meeting due to a fire in the Clubhouse on September 16th. It was delayed to October 5th and the highlights of this meeting will appear in the December 2017 Colonist.

Correction

The October Colonist contained a misstatement. Mary Slade was not appointed to the Board at its September meeting. That meeting was cancelled due to the fire in the Clubhouse on September 16th. However, the Colonist had already gone to print before the fire occurred. Ms. Slade was appointed to the Board at its October 5th meeting.

Employee Bonus Fund

For many years your Board has urged you to donate to the annual Employee Holiday Bonus Fund as a way to show Crown Colony's hard working employees that we appreciate the work they do throughout the year. Our employees are always extremely grateful for your generosity. We believe this bonus also is an incentive for them to continue their hard work and to take pride in their jobs here at Crown.

This year there are two ways to contribute to the Bonus Fund:

- 1) You may donate via PayPal by going to Crown's website at www.crowncolonyhoa.com, clicking on the "Notices" tab and then the "Donate Now" button; or
- 2) Write a check, enclose it in the green envelope addressed to Bautista & Co. which came with your November dues statement and mail it in.

Contribution is strictly voluntary. Whether you contribute or not and how much you might contribute is confidential and known only to Bautista & Co.

Updates

Fire

In mid-October the insurance company and the contractor agreed on terms for the necessary Clubhouse demolition and abatement work. Work began the following week. There is extensive work to be done and it should take

some time to finish. While this work is going on, the contractor and the insurance company will decide what exactly will be necessary to restore the Clubhouse.

As the demolition proceeds, restoration drawings will be done and submitted to the City for approval. Since we expect sprinklers will be required, Fire Department approval is also necessary. While we hope to get the approvals expedited, they could take 6-8 weeks. Once restoration work begins, hopefully the Clubhouse will be finished as quickly as possible.

Until such time the Clubhouse will remain closed. The Association Offices will remain open during its regular business hours. Laundry card machine access will be available during regular business hours and on Saturdays from 10am - 4pm. The residual smoke damage does not pose and has never posed a threat to our employees or residents visiting the Office on regular business. Hopefully sooner than later the Clubhouse can be used again by all.

Parking Committee

Since it will be sometime until there is a place for this committee to meet, the Board has decided not to name the members of the committee at this time. Rather it will continue to accept applications for membership until after the first of the year. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail the Association Office at cchoa@crowncolonyhoa.com or call 650-756-8220.

Gyms

In the September fire, the men's and women's gyms in the Clubhouse were seriously damaged and will have to be completely renovated. While there is not a lot of space in either gym, now is the time to think about what replacement equipment we will buy.

Before the fire, we had received several resident's suggestions of what equipment they would like to have in the gyms. Now we would like to get more resident's input on what replacement equipment should be purchased. We may not be able to upgrade all of the equipment but we will see what the insurance company allows.

If you have any suggestions as what you would like to see in the gyms, please email the Association Office at cchoa@crowncolonyhoa.com or call 650-756-8220. We are considering treadmills, stair masters, recumbent bikes, weight machines, etc.



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

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



November

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

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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
 Bob Burton
Bautista & Co. 697-7907
 Cecille Osmena 214 Broadway
 Millbrae, CA 94030
Wave (Astound) Cable Dat Tran- 415-407-4486
 or 1-800-427-8686
Comcast Cable 866-502-5191
 Craig Oborn
Satlink Jake Sparacio - 415-658-9960
 or 530-828-5033
Coinmach Laundry 1-877-264-6622
Crown Colony Properties 650-994-0300
Van Go Plumbing 415-755-7405

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architecture: When posted
 Building, Maintenance & Finance: When posted
 Communications: When posted
 Grievance: 3rd Thur. at 6:15 pm
 Recreation: When posted

Meetings are held in the Clubhouse unless posted otherwise.
 All meeting times approximate

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