

Middle-income Seniors

By David J. Canepa

Almost every day I hear from our county staff and nonprofit service providers that our aging population in San Mateo County increasingly faces a gloomy retirement. Many earn far too much to qualify for certain services based on the "federal poverty level" and far too little to afford anything more than housing.

I come across older Americans in our community all the time who must choose between paying the mortgage or rent versus eating.

I'm encouraged, however, that the San Mateo County Commission on Aging has started a "Middle Income Seniors Committee" to address why federal poverty level standards for service are inadequate in this region.

Data from the University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Health Policy Research in 2015 indicates an individual renting a one-bedroom in San Mateo County needed to earn \$31,776 a year, the highest in California. The U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs, however, is \$12,140 for 2018.

The guidelines, referred to as the federal poverty level, apply to every individual in the country, whether you live in rural Mississippi or a metropolis such as the San Francisco Bay Area.

The FPL greatly understates poverty in high-cost areas such as San Mateo County.

To combat the disparity, the California Legislature passed a law in 2011 called the Elder Economic Planning Act, Assembly Bill 138.

The act's intent is that the California Department of Aging and the local Area Agencies on Aging utilize the Elder Economic Security Standard Index (Elder Index), when available, as developed and updated by UCLA, as a planning tool in the development of local area plans and as a guide in allocating existing resources that support

senior services in their communities.

UCLA's Elder Index shows that the cost of living in every California county far outpaces federal poverty guidelines. Our state's high cost of living makes the national income standard essentially obsolete and causes more than 770,000 older Californians to be denied federal aid - a group identified as the "hidden poor."

The Commission on Aging is an all-volunteer group that advises the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on policy related to older adults. The Middle Income Seniors Committee has mapped out a two-year plan to research AB 138 and how the Area Agencies on Aging in California have implemented the Elder Index so far. The mission of the committee's work is to determine how San Mateo County is serving and not serving the needs of our middle-income older adults.

The federal poverty level is unfair to California especially considering this state is among 13 that sends more tax money to Washington D.C. than it gets back in federal spending. The FPL does not work for California and many other states. It's time for the federal government to take serious action on this matter or our aging population will find itself in a nearly unsolvable crisis.

May was Older Americans Month with this year's theme being "Engage at Every Age" - an inspirational phrase we should all live by, especially if we want today's children to all reach happy, dignified retirements.

(David J. Canepa serves District 5 on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and is a former Crown Colony resident.)

Dues Change

Please remember that your association dues change this year beginning with your July payment. Make sure to note the new amount as shown on your July statement and to remit it in full. Thanks.



OBEEY 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!

Water Shut-Offs

The water supply lines serve multiple units. If you are having plumbing work done and need the water to your unit shut off for a period of time, please let the Association Office know at least 48 hours ahead of time. This will give the Association time to notify the other units on your supply line and give them adequate notice of the impending shut-off.

The Association Office will need to know the following:

- 1) The day of the repair;
- 2) What time the water needs to be turned off; and
- 3) For how long.

On the day of the repairs, you need to call the Office when the plumber arrives. Maintenance personnel will meet the plumber at your building and show him how the water should be shut off. When repairs are completed, either the plumber or the maintenance personnel can turn the water back on.

New Windows & Doors

The Board has approved the specifications for window and sliding door replacements and a list of contractors who may install them. Before replacing your windows or sliding glass doors, you must pick up a window and door replacement package from the Association Office, fill it out, return it to the Office and have your replacement installation approved. All of the information and the specifications you and your approved contractor will need are contained in this package.

Garbage Chutes

The Association Office has recently received many complaints that residents are not properly disposing of their garbage. They are not putting it in tightly tied or sealed plastic bags. 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.



Contact us via e-mail at
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On the Web:
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No Drugs Down Drains

Unwanted and expired pharmaceutical products should never be flushed down the drain or deposited into the garbage. Daly City residents can safely discard unwanted and expired medicines in the secure drop-off box at the Daly City Police Department, 333 90th St., Daly City. The Police Department is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information about California's statewide "No Drugs Down the Drain" campaign visit <http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org> or call (650) 991-8126.

BBQs

Remember: Only propane fueled barbeques are allowed on Crown Colony's decks and patios. Also your barbeque must have a lid that can be closed in case of emergency.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

**FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT
OF CROWN COLONY**

Barking Dogs

Recently the Association Office has been receiving an increasing number of calls from residents complaining about dogs barking from units balconies and townhouse patios. Often when the guards go to the unit to investigate the disturbance, they find no one is at home. If you are away from your unit, you should not keep your animal outside where it can cause a disturbance. This is a noise violation and can result in an invitation to appear before the Grievance Committee and possible fine.

Moving

When you are moving into or out of Crown Colony, you must make your move between the hours 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. No moves will be allowed before 7:00 am or after 10:00 pm. No exceptions to this rule will be made.

Trucks being used for a move will not be allowed to remain parked on Crown Colony property overnight. Any moving truck will have to be parked on Hickey Blvd. or somewhere else off the property.

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



May Board Highlights

Financial Report Ending April 30, 2018: Bautista & Co. reflected a surplus for the month of \$11,591, an ending cash balance of \$1,969,647, and total investments of \$1,477,185 which is designated to reserves.

Management Company Renewal Proposal - Common Interest Management Services: The Board approved the Management Company Contract for a cost of \$17,023 per month which represents a 2% increase from the previous year to be funded from line #5030.

Janitorial Service Contract - Custom Maintenance: The Board approved the proposal from Custom Maintenance to perform the janitorial services for an annual cost of \$170,400 which represents no increase over last year's cost.

Compactor Service - Case Industries: The Board approved the proposal from Case Compactors to perform the garbage compacting service 3 times per week for a cost of \$162,600 plus \$7,147 for 7 holiday costs for a total of \$169,747 effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.

Elevator Service Contract - Transbay Elevator Co: The Board approved the proposal from Transbay Elevator Co. to provide the inspection and lubrication on 14 elevators for a cost of \$1,260 per month or \$15,120 annually which represents no increase from last year's cost.

Pest Control Contract - Alert Pest Control: The Board approved the proposal from Alert Pest Control for the pest control services for a cost of \$600 per month or \$7,200 annually which represents a \$20 per month increase from last year's cost.

Accounting Services Contract - Bautista & Co: The Board approved the proposal from Bautista & Co. effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for an annual cost of \$45,000 to be funded from line #5001.

Pool and Spa Service Contract - Azure Pool Service: The Board approved the proposal from Azure pool Service for a cost of \$240 per month or \$2,880 annually which represents an increase of \$20 per month from the previous contract.

Sales & Leasing Office Renewal Proposal - Crown Colony Properties: The Board approved the renewal proposal from Crown Colony Properties which reflects commission for the HOA as follows: \$200 for each "side" for a sale and \$100 for each rental that has been implemented effective July 17, 2018.

Renewal Proposal from Pro-Sweep: The Board approved the renewal proposal from Pro-Sweep to provide sweeping services on the roads twice a month for a cost of \$672 per month to be funded from line #5145.

Change Order #001 for Phase 7 Drip Irrigation Repairs - Cagwin & Dorward: The Board approved the change order from Cagwin & Dorward to install the drip irrigation for phase 7 near Buildings 23, 24 & 25 for a cost of \$24,854 to be funded from line #9915.

Proposal for Construction Package #22 - PRG Construction: The Board approved the proposal from PRG Construction for the deck reconstruction package #22 for a cost of \$175,000 to be funded from line #9707.

Proposal from Transbay Elevator Co. To Replace Controller at Building 17's Elevator: The Board approved the proposal from Transbay Elevator Co. to replace the elevator controller at Building 17 for a cost of \$64,950 to be funded from line #9905.

Proposal from Pacific Signaling to Replace Smoke Detectors and Relays at Building 17: The Board approved the proposal from Pacific Signaling the smoke detectors and relays at Building 17 when the new elevator controller is installed for a cost of \$19,567 to be funded from line #9905.

Authorization for Sunrise Assessment Services to Proceed with Recording Delinquent Assessments: The Board authorized Sunrise Assessment Services to proceed with recording delinquent assessments for APN#s 101-030-240, 101-210-510, 101-180-070, 101-080-090, 101-260-220.

Remember on July 4th

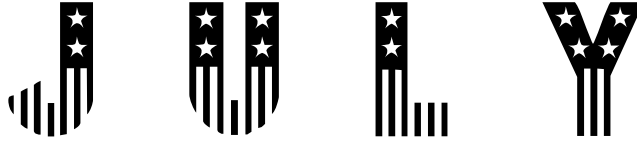
- 1) Office Closed and NO bus service
- 2) You cannot add money to your laundry card
- 3) No fireworks on Crown Colony property



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





| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|---|--|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY | | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 BOARD of DIRECTORS Work Session 5:45pm Executive Session 6:15pm Open Forum 6:45 pm Meeting 7 pm | | 20 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | Clubhouse Closed until Restoration Is Completed | | | |

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| COMMITTEE MEETINGS | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Architecture: | When posted |
| Building, Maintenance & Finance: | When posted |
| Communications: | When posted |
| Grievance: | 3 rd Thur. at 6:15 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 |
| Bob Burton | |
| Bautista & Co. | 697-7907 |
| Cecille Osmena, 214 Broadway, Millbrae, CA | 94030 |
| Wave Cable | Jason Quejarro - 415-416-8071 or 1-800-427-8686 |
| Comcast Cable | Craig Oborn 866-502-5191 Lajari "LJ" Pruitt 510-815-2003 |
| Satlink | Jake Sparacio - 530-828-5033 |
| Coinmach Laundry | 1-877-264-6622 |
| Crown Colony Properties | 650-994-0300 |
| Van Go Plumbing | 415-755-7405 |

| BUS to BART | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Monday thru Friday | | |
| <i>Leaves Crown Colony</i> | | |
| 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 |
| <i>Leaves Colma BART</i> | | |
| 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