

# CROWN COLONIST

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## County Moves to Take Deadly E-cigarettes off the Market

By David J. Canepa

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed an ordinance I sponsored in November to ban the sale of electronic cigarettes.

With the Centers for Disease Control urging Americans to stop vaping and the Federal Food and Drug Administration admonishing Juul for marketing its product as safe for children to use, it is clear Big Tobacco will go to any extremes to hook a new generation of nicotine addicts.

There is no scientific proof these electronic nicotine delivery devices help people stop smoking combustible cigarettes or are even safer to use. People are dying and falling ill because of vaping so the simple solution is to ban the items that are killing people and making them sick.

While 42 percent of Americans were smokers in 1965, that number has dropped to 14 percent currently. Big Tobacco recognizes that the best way to stay in business is to hook a new generation of youth on nicotine delivered by electronic devices which are being marketed as safe to use.

Since October, 38 individuals have died from vaping and 1,888 cases of pulmonary disease have been linked to it, according to the CDC. Now, the push is on to get our cities to adopt the county's ordinance, which applies only to unincorporated San Mateo County.

*(David J. Canepa is a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and is a former Crown Colony resident.)*

## Be a Director

Candidates for the Board must be members of the Association. "Member" means a person who holds legal title to the property (i.e., is named in the deed for

the property). Candidates who fall into one of the following categories are disqualified from running:

- (1) have been owners for less than a year,
- (2) would be on the board with a joint owner,
- (3) have been convicted of a felony that jeopardizes the association's fidelity bond insurance,
- (4) have been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be of unsound mind, or
- (5) is delinquent in the payment of their assessments.

Anyone who wishes to become a candidate for election to the Board in the election of 2020, should contact the Association Office in person, by phone or e-mail and request a Statement of Candidacy form. This form is available either in paper form or as a Word document. The candidate must fill it out and return it to the Association Office no later than 5:00pm on January 6, 2020.

## Holiday Hours...

Date	Office	Clubhouse, Gyms Laundry Machine	Bus
12/24/19	9am-12pm	9am-12pm	Yes
12/25/19	Closed	Closed	NO
12/26/19	Closed	Closed	NO
12/31/19	9am-12pm	9am-12pm	Yes
1/1/19	Closed	Closed	NO
1/2/19	Closed	10am-6pm	Yes

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

## Unsightly Balconies

Only the following items are allowed: gas grills, plants, approved storage containers and outdoor furniture. Nothing else is allowed. .



**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!**

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## Xmas Tree Safety

There is nothing like a live tree at Christmas. When you purchase your Christmas tree, make sure it has been sprayed with **fire retardant**. When you get your tree home, **set it in a water stand**. Protecting your tree from fire will keep you and your neighbors safe.

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## Xmas Boxes...

Every Christmas, Crown Colony's garbage chutes seem to get clogged with wrapping paper and boxes that are too large for them to handle. Please do not try and put large boxes down the garbage chutes.

Please collapse all boxes and take them down to the recycling bins located throughout the complex.

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## Xmas Tree Disposal...

Please dispose of your Christmas tree by placing it in the dumpster at the end of Half Moon Lane or leave it in the garage level of one of the corridor buildings for disposal. Crown Colony's groundsman will dispose of your tree for you.

Please **do not** toss the tree over your deck railing. Your tree could badly injure someone walking under your deck or do serious damage to the landscaping below.

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## Elevator Key

If your elevator has been upgraded and the button panels have been replaced, you will need a key to shut off the elevator during loading and unloading when moving into or out of the building. This key will prevent the elevator door alarm from going off.

You can pick up this elevator switch key from the Association Office. You must leave a \$50 cash deposit for it and your deposit will be refunded to you when you return the switch key. The hours for key pickup and return are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 6:00pm.

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## Garbage Rooms

The Association Office continually receives 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. Please do not leave your bags of garbage on the floor of the garbage rooms. This way we can all avoid unwanted pests, dirty garbage rooms and smelly garbage chutes. If a bag is too large for the chute, it must be taken downstairs to the garage and placed near the garbage room doors. Please make sure you leave it in such a manner as not to impede cars going to their parking spaces. Also please remember to recycle your boxes. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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## Open Doors

The Association Office has received complaints that residents are propping open the exit/entrance doors to the corridor buildings. This practice allows anyone to go inside. It also can cause the door to improperly close and necessitating costly repairs. If you have workmen in your unit please make sure they do not improperly prop these doors open. It is important that the front glass door and the fire doors remain closed and locked for security and safety purposes. If anyone sees one of these doors being propped open, please close it immediately.

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## Flu Shots

*by Zubeida Mohsin*

Folks, look at me! I am suffering from a violent cold in the head. My muscles are painful, my bones are aching and my poor throat is very sore. I feel I have a temperature too. Not only that, I am depressed as well, since I feel all my vital powers are exhausted.

You know what? I forgot to get myself a Flu Shot and got hit by influenza which is rampant all around these days. So, do yourself a favor. Don't hang around pulling a long face like mine. Don't snivel and sneeze and make yourself miserable. Get yourself a flu shot before this epidemic attacks you. It is on the air, and all around you. Immunize yourself before it is too late. Influenza shots are available in all the hospital, clinics and drug stores and at little or no charge.



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



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## Board Highlights

**Financial Report Ending September 30, 2019:** Bautista & Co. reflected a deficit for the month of \$19,731, an ending cash balance of \$1,692,850 and total investments of \$1,441,440 which is designated to reserves.

**Ratification of Window and Sliding Door Installations:** The Board ratified the window and sliding door installations at 391 Mandarin Dr. #215, 376 Imperial Way #306 and 355 Half Moon Lane #11.

**Ratification of Electric Fireplace Installation:** The Board ratified the installation of an electric fireplace at 377 Mandarin Dr. #104.

**Ratification of Proposals from Cagwin & Dorward:** The Board ratified the proposals from Cagwin & Dorward for an additional path to the dog park and erosion control near the pond behind the clubhouse for a total cost of \$8,093 to be funded from line #9998.

**Proposal from PRS Restoration for Semi-Annual Carpet Cleaning:** The Board approved the proposal from PRS Restoration for the semi-annual carpet cleaning in the 3-story buildings and the clubhouse for a cost of \$11,509 to be funded from line #5190.

**Proposal from PRS Restoration for Upholstery Cleaning in the Clubhouse:** The Board approved the proposal from PRS Restoration for the clubhouse upholstery cleaning for a cost of \$1,835 to be funded from line #5391.

**Change Order from Urban Bros. Painting for Revised Garage Painting Scope:** The Board approved the change order from Urban Bros. Painting for the revised scope of work and cost for the garage painting to be done over a 6 year period rather than 2 years for a cost of \$14,950 to be funded from line #9933.

**Reserve Study Update Proposal - John D. Beatty & Co:** The Board approved the proposal from John D. Beatty & Co. for \$1,900 to prepare the reserve study update to be funded from line #9983.

**Fire Alarm Testing - Pacific Signaling:** The Board approved the proposal from Pacific Signaling for the fire alarm testing for \$745 per month or \$8,940 annually to be funded from line #5120.

**Window Washing Proposal - Excellent Window Co:** The Board approved the proposal from Excellent

Window Co. for an annual cost of \$7,280 to do the window cleaning in the clubhouse, courtyard windows, laundry room windows and plexis glass overhang at the clubhouse on a quarterly basis to be funded from line #5180.

**Proposals from Ideal Landscape & Concrete for Asphalt Repairs:** The Board approved the proposals from Ideal Landscape & Concrete to repair the asphalt on Imperial Way near bldg. 19 for a cost of \$4,140 and the asphalt on Half Moon Lane near bldg. 13 for a cost of \$7,250 to be funded from line #9925.

**Proposal from Urban Bros. for Townhouse Gutter Cleaning:** The Board approved the proposal from Urban Bros. to clean the gutters at the townhouse buildings and over the 4 laundry rooms at bldgs. 7 & 20 for a cost of \$4,959 to be funded from line #9947.

**Authorization for Sunrise to Proceed with Recording a Notice of Default for APN# 101-130-150:** The Board approved the authorization forms for Sunrise to proceed to record Notice of Defaults for the APN# listed.

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## Inner Courtyards

This alert is intended for those of you who own or live in the first floor units of the Inner Courtyards of Buildings 7 and 20. Your decks are considered exclusive use common area and you are responsible for keeping them clean and the drains uncovered and unclogged.

If your drain is not cleared and we receive rain, your patio can flood and the water may come into you unit under the sliding glass door. So in order to avoid the headache of dealing with water intrusion, please keep your patio drain clean and running properly at all times.

If your drain is cleared but not draining properly, please call the Association Office immediately.

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## Patio Deck Light Fixtures

Please be advised that the HOA has been scheduling appointments by phone to replace the patio deck light fixtures. Please make every effort to schedule this work when you are called as all the patio fixtures must be done and it is the HOA's responsibility to replace them as your patio is part of the exclusive use common area.



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

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

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
<b>Clubhouse Hours</b> Mon. thru Fri. 9 am - 10 pm 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
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
Bautista & Co. . . . .	697-7907
Cecille Osmena, 214 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030	
Wave Cable . . . . .	Dat Tran - 415-407 + 4486 or 1-800-427-8686
Comcast Cable . . . . .	Craig Oborn 866-502-5191 Lajari "LJ" Pruitt 510-815-2003
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</i> 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
<i>Leaves</i> 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
<b>Schedule subject to change</b>		