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Beware the 'Sweetheart Scam'

By David J. Canepa

On Valentine's Day, my office partnered with Daly City police and the county's office of Aging and Adult Services to warn older adults about the risk of being targeted by so-called "Sweetheart Scams" at the Doelger Senior Center in Daly City.

In 2018, there were more than 21,000 reports about romance scams, and people reported losing a total of \$143 million, according to the Federal Trade Commission. That's more than any other consumer fraud type identified, according to the FTC.

Whether you are 20 or 80, everyone wants to feel connected and loved and the crooks know this. There's an old saying that "love is blind" and that's exactly what sweetheart scammers are hoping for. They generally target older women online who are widows, divorced or lonely but make no mistake about it - women also prey on older men in the same way and it's becoming more prolific

The simple message is, if you feel duped by a stranger with romantic intentions online cut off contact immediately and call the police.

In other news, I partnered with the Office of Sustainability and Supervisor Don Horsley to pass one of the strictest bans against single-use plastics in California that was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at our Feb. 25 meeting.

The new law eliminates the unnecessary distribution and use of disposable food service ware that is not reusable or compostable.

We like convenience in our world but sometimes the things that seemingly make life easier are actually destroying the planet. Eliminating single-use plastics in our daily lives is a testament that we care about the Earth, our waterways, oceans and wildlife. Using a plastic straw or cup just once and immediately throwing it away is more harmful to our environment

than we realize. It's time to wake up and embrace sustainability.

The ordinance impacts restaurants and food servers in unincorporated San Mateo County. The Office of Sustainability has worked with the county's 20 cities throughout the drafting of the ordinance and many are expected to adopt it within 90 days of the county's approval.

(David J. Canepa serves District 5 and is Vice-President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as well as a former Crown Colony resident.)

ALERT: Coyote Sighting

Coyotes have once again been sighted at Crown Colony. Residents have expressed concern for their safety and that of their families and pets. We have learned that the relocation of coyotes is illegal and that lethal removal is ineffective. We have further been told that the local coyotes are here to stay and that the State hopes that communities can learn to peacefully coexist with them.

Coyotes, which are members of the dog family, eat large numbers of rodents, rabbits, as well as fruit, vegetation, insects and carrion. They are naturally wary of people. **DO NOT FEED** the coyotes. Pets should be kept inside at night and when outside, on a leash. Small dogs should be picked up immediately if you see a coyote. If you are approached by a coyote, **DO NOT RUN**, instead you should wave your arms, make a lot of noise. **BE BIG, BAD AND LOUD**. Coyotes are nocturnal animals, if you see one on Crown's property during daylight hours, notify the authorities immediately.

While your Association does not want to scare you, we want you to be aware, alert and informed about the presence of coyotes in our neighborhood. If you see one, please call the Police Department at 650-991-8119.



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!

April Meeting

The Crown Colony Board of Directors will review management's recommendations for the 2020/21 budget in the Pre-Board session of its April 15, 2020 meeting. They will then later approve a 2020/21 budget and set the dues for the coming fiscal year.

Your Board

The members of the 2020/21 Crown Colony Board of Directors are:

Rosemarie Barrios
Alaina Bevis
Rick Crump
Sharon Singletary
Mary Slade

Please feel free to contact Board members by calling the Association Office at 650-756-8220 or writing to cchoa@crowncolonyhoa.com.

Deck Light Fixtures

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

Bins

Residents are not closing the lids to the garbage and recycling bins after using them. Please remember to close the lids when throwing out your garbage or recyclables. Leaving the lids open creates a potential animal, rodent or insect problem. If you are unable to close the lid for whatever reason, please notify the Office or the Front Gate. Thank you!

Disposal of Household Batteries

When your batteries quit working they should not be dumped with your household garbage. Expired

household batteries should be brought to the Association Office for disposal. There will be a container at the clubhouse for residents to drop off their batteries. Prior to dropping them off, please place a piece of tape across the top of the batteries to prevent the tops from touching other batteries.

Reminder

Your building key will now open the garbage room doors in your garage. If you have large bags of garbage that will not fit down the chute, please take your bags to the garage level garbage room.

Please remember only garbage should be dumped into the garbage room bin. Recycling still needs to be taken outdoors and placed in the recycling bins.

Plumbing Alert

One night recently, a resident's faucet top broke off when they tried to turn it on causing water to flood into their unit. When the resident tried to turn the shut-off valve off, they discovered the valve was frozen shut in the open position. The guards were contacted and they in turn contacted the on-call maintenance man. All the while the unit was flooding and water was seeping into the units next door and below. The water was turned off in the garage and the leaking then stopped, but not before thousands of dollars damage had occurred to a number of units.

This problem could have been prevented. It is important that owner's maintain their shut off valves. The Association urges you to periodically inspect all your shut off valves to make sure they work and that they are not frozen. Turn the valve all the way off in a clockwise direction. Next flush the toilet or turn on the water in your sink to confirm the valve is totally shut off. There should be no water running. Turn the valve all the way back on a counterclockwise direction. If your water is running with the valve in the off position, your shut off valve is not holding and it needs to be replaced.

If you cannot turn your shut off valve or it needs to be replaced, you need to call a plumber. When repairs are being made, the water for your unit will need to be shut off. Since this will affect neighboring units, we request that you call the Association Office so we can provide the effected units 48 hour notice of the shutoff.



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

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



February Board Highlights

Financial Report Ending January 31, 2020: Bautista & Co. reflected a deficit for the month of \$27,056 an ending cash balance of \$1,653,552 and total investments of \$1,630,651 which is designated to reserves.

Authorization of Board Election by Acclamation - 40th Annual Meeting: The Board authorized to declare Rosemarie Barrios, Sharon Singletary and Mary Slade elected by acclamation to the Board of Directors for 2020-2022 since there were three nominees and three seats open.

Adoption of IRS Ruling 70-604: The Board adopted the IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604 regarding the excess income for year ending June 30, 2020.

Proposals from Arborwell for Thrip, Pine Beetle Treatment and Pest Management for Trees: The Board approved the proposals from Arborwell for Thrip treatment, pine beetle treatment and pest management of the trees for a total cost of \$15,110.59 to be funded from line #9914.

Proposals Miscellaneous Roof Repairs - El Camino Roof Systems: The Board approved the proposals from El Camino Roof Systems for \$23,865 to be funded from lines #9946 and #9949 to make necessary repairs and clean the roofs of the 3-story buildings and townhouse buildings with the exception of Buildings 8, 9, 15 & 16 since those 4 buildings will have their shingles replaced soon.

Proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting: The Board approved the proposal from Precision Concrete Cutting for \$8,972 to make the necessary sidewalk repairs at several locations throughout the property to be funded from line #9928.

Authorization for Sunrise to Proceed with Recording Notice of Delinquent Assessments for APN#s 101-020-030, 101-270-160: The Board approved the authorizations forms from Sunrise Assessment Services to proceed with filing Notice of Delinquent Assessments for the APN#s listed.

Good Advice re Fraud

Recently UPS sent the following to all its My Choice customers informing them of ways to avoid becoming



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

victims of the ever increasing identity fraud schemes occurring these days. It is good advice for all of us to follow not only for dealings with UPS but for every firm.

Fraudulent communications adopt many different forms and are the unauthorized actions of third parties. These messages, sometimes referred to as "phishing" or "spoofing," are becoming more common and may appear legitimate by incorporating company brands, colors, or other legal disclaimers. We take fraud and the protection of our customers' information seriously. We want to help make sure you don't fall victim to phishing or other types of fraudulent activity whether it's through email, text, phone, or social media.

Here are some tips to keep in mind:

UPS will not request personal information, financial information, account numbers, IDs, passwords or copies of invoices in an unsolicited manner through email, mail, text, phone or fax, especially in exchange for the transportation of goods and services.

If you receive a message that appears to be from UPS that you believe is fraudulent, send a screenshot of the message or forward it to fraud@ups.com for investigation.

Learn more about how to avoid phishing scams in this article from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>

These are great tips to remember in general and not just for UPS. Be careful with your personal information and remain safe from scam artists.

Laundry Room Hours

The Association Office often receives complaints that residents are using the laundry rooms after hours. This disturbs residents living near the laundry rooms. 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 have to be locked overnight.

Easter Closing

Just a reminder to everyone that the Clubhouse will be closed Easter Sunday April 12, 2020. This means you cannot add money to your laundry cards either.

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

APRIL

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 Recreation office: 991-3441 Staff: Ferdie & Manisha			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 HAPPY EASTER Clubhouse Closed		13	14	15 BOARD of DIRECTORS Work Session 5:45pm Executive Session 6:15pm Open Forum 6:30 pm Meeting 6:45 pm		18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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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 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		