

CROWN COLONIST

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'Unsung Heroes' Praised

By David J. Canepa

As we slowly return to normal and shelter in place restrictions are eased, I stand in awe of our community's response to the COVID-19 crisis. By adhering to the county Health Officer's orders, we are bending the curve and saving lives.

For this, we owe a debt of gratitude to our "Unsung Heroes", the frontline workers including our teachers, sanitation workers, truck and bus drivers, grocery workers, police, firefighters, nurses and so many others who have worked so hard to keep our society running during the coronavirus pandemic.

I'd especially like to thank the nearly 2,000 volunteers who have stepped up to assist the county and our nonprofits during this crisis.

I co-sponsored a resolution honoring these "Unsung Heroes" that unanimously passed the board at its May 5 meeting.

One individual diagnosed with the virus, 38-year-old Ken Loo of Daly City, was in ICU and fearing the worst. He rapidly fell ill in early March and famously told his wife, "babe, don't let me die." Ken, with the support of his wife Clarissa and children, was released from the hospital in mid-April and returned home to a heroes welcome by his friends, members of the Daly City Council and police and firefighters.

I was proud to present Ken's wife with a proclamation honoring his bravery as he witnessed a parade of fire trucks and other vehicles pass by his home honking support for Ken's recovery. It was an incredibly inspiring event that proves we can beat this virus with love and support.

Seton Medical Center has roared back to life after being nearly shut down just two months ago. It has been secured by the state to house and care for COVID-19 patients temporarily and the hospital's owner, Verity, has agreed to sell the hospital to a new operator,

Advanced Healthcare Management Corporation of Los Angeles.

AHMC bought the two facilities for \$40 million and the deal is expected to close before September.

I'm especially proud of the health care professionals who work there under great stress during this pandemic. The nurses, doctors and staff have gone beyond the call of duty to help us beat COVID-19.

It's also important to thank all of those individuals and groups who donated personal protective equipment to the hospital to protect the workers and keep the virus from spreading.

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

Thank You Owners!

It has been quite a challenge these past few months and we all have been impacted one way or another. Although many amenities in Crown Colony are unable to be used, many other areas have increased such as utilities. With most of our community being at home sheltering in place, the utility usage has increased and bills still need to be paid. Also many vendors are still continuing to perform services during the shelter in place.

The HOA would like to thank all of the owners for continuing to keep their assessments current. Without the dues, we would hit a shortfall which can impact our budget tremendously. With the exception of a few delinquent owners, you the owners, have fulfilled your responsibility to your Association and for that we thank you.

We know that these stressful times seem like they will never end but they will; hopefully sooner than later. So in the meantime, please stay safe, continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask at all times in the common areas. We will get through this.



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!

20/21 Dues

As you are now aware, if you read the budget sent to you in late May, the dues for fiscal 20/21, starting July 1, 2020, are increasing by 6.5%. The increases unfortunately occur as we face uncertain economic times due to the pandemic. While it may be of small consolation, at least three other associations in our area are in the same boat. They are increasing their dues by 7%, 10% and 11%.

Let me explain why the increases. Almost 90% of the dues increase is because of the rising costs of utilities and insurance. Here are the percentage increases in the 20/21 budget for the above mentioned items:

- Electricity - 17%
- Gas - 18%
- Trash - 5%
- Water - 32%
- Insurance 17%

The cost of water is particularly high due to the fact this item was underfunded in the 19/20 budget. The increase in the cost of our insurance was less than expected considering the increase many associations are receiving because of the recent wild fires. We know of one association in Daly City that received a 70% increase in their policy for the next year. Also remember our insurer has just paid out \$1,350,000 on our claim for the Clubhouse fire.

What does the future hold for us? Your guess is a good as ours. As PG&E comes out of bankruptcy and the dust settles we probably can expect the cost of gas and electric transmission to increase considerably over the next few years. The cost of refuse disposal will be going up over 10% next year and the cost of water is expected to rise by at least 7% per year for at least a couple of more years.

There is one bright note in the future, if the garage is approved by the membership the solar panels planned for its roof will eliminate about \$200,000 a year in electricity costs. The savings in dues to each and every unit will be about \$200/year.

2020/21 Budget

On May 20, 2020 the Board approved Crown Colony's budget for the new fiscal year beginning on July 1,



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2020. Your association will be spending a little less than 5 million dollars to operate, maintain and make repairs at Crown Colony during the next 12 months.

The budget sections and their expense allocations are listed below:

Crown Colony 2019/20 Budget


Administrative Costs	729,362
Operating Expenses	981,628
Salaries.	402,148
Other Expenses	316,000
Utilities	1,093,200
Reserves.	1,339,591
Contingency.	40,000
Total Expenses.	4,901,929
Income.	262,451
Total Budget	4,639,478

20/21 Dues

<u>Unit Type</u>	<u>New Dues</u>
Studio	\$376.47
1Bd /1Ba	\$402.51
1Bd /1Ba-Townhome	\$410.41
1Bd /1Ba/Den	\$413.64
2Bd/2Ba	\$416.97
2Bd/1½Ba-Townhome	\$439.46
2Bd/2Ba	\$441.24
2Bd/2Ba	\$450.69
2Bd/2Ba/Den	\$448.58
2Bd/2Ba/Den	\$448.24
3Bd/2Ba	\$591.45

Please remember that your association dues change every year beginning with your July payment. Make sure to note the new amount as shown on your July statement.

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



Paying Your Dues

Mailing Payments:

You may mail a check to Union Bank. Please use the enclosed envelope that comes with your monthly statement and mail your check with the remittance stub. Include your account number which is listed on your statement and make the check payable to:

Crown Colony HOA.

Please mail payments to:

**Union Bank
P.O. Box 15021
Vallejo CA 94591-1921**

ACH -Automated Clearing House or Electronic Fund Transfer

You may enroll with Union Bank to have your monthly assessments electronically debited from your bank account on or about the 10th of each month. Contact Bautista & Co. to obtain an ACH Authorization Form. Send the completed form with a cancelled check to Bautista & Co. (address can be found on the form).

Union Bank One Time Payment

You can make a one-time payment thru www.hoabankservices.com. Under the Online Payments for Homeowners section select the red Make Payment button. Choose Make a One-Time Payment to initiate a payment. Select your association and follow instructions on the screen.

Your Bank's Online Bill Pay

If you use online Bill Pay with your bank to pay your monthly assessments, your bank must note your HOA account number on the bill pay check. This account number is listed on your statement. You will need to update the amount paid annually according to any changes in assessments. The online banking payment is not an electronic transfer of funds. Please allow a minimum of 5 days for mailing. Your check should be made payable to Crown Colony.

Credit Card Payments Accepted for a Fee

You can make a one-time payment using Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Log in to www.hoabankservices.com. Under the Online Payments for Homeowners select the red Make

Payment button. Choose Make a One-Time Payment to initiate payment. Select your association and follow the instructions on the screen. Please contact the Accounting firm of Bautista & Co. at 650-697-7907 with any additional questions or concerns.

Board Highlights

Since the April Board Meeting was cancelled, there will no board highlights in this issue of the Colonist.

Coyote Sightings

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.

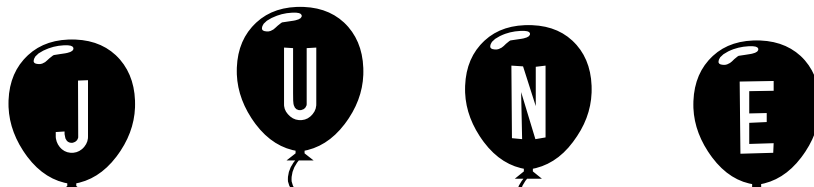
Extended Leaves

Summer is coming and 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 you can get from the CCHOA office. If the office is unaware that you are out of town and unable to move your car, your car will be towed at your expense.



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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	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	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				

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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 Lajari "LJ" Pruitt 510-815-2003
 Lajari_Pruitt@comcast.com
Coinmach Laundry. 1-877-264-6622
Crown Colony Properties. 650-994-0300
Van Go Plumbing. 415-755-7405

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