

'Tis the Season

At this time of the year, the Christians celebrate the birth of their Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Jews celebrate Hanukkah, their "festival of the lights." Christianity brings us the central idea of peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind. Hanukkah celebrates the liberation from and the triumph over oppression.

During this season, it seems appropriate to reprint the following 1996 "Crown Colonist" article. It was written by Crown Colony's own Zubeida Mohsin, a frequent newsletter contributor in the 1990s. Its message parallels those of these holidays and gives us all excellent rules for living with others all year long.

Love Thy Neighbor

By Zubeida Mohsin

Says the Holy Book, "Your neighbor has as much right on you as your own flesh and blood" advised an age-old sage indicating thereby that you should stand by a neighbor in times of need as if he is your own kin. This kinship emerges out of living closely. We, the residents of Crown Colony, are living close by one another in a community-type of lifestyle. Our homes are not split apart. They are joined together by common hallways, walls and ceilings. In a way, we live together, under the same roof, like an extended family.

Imagine around three thousand people living peacefully in close proximity, enjoying common rights, interests and privileges. "Live and let live," is the guiding principle governed, of course, by certain "covenants, conditions and restrictions," as required by a community life. Each one of us has the right to enjoy simple pleasures of life, like singing, dancing, entertaining and feasting in our own home. So why all these petty complaints regarding your neighbors having fun entertaining, singing, dancing and even smoking? Why not feel happy in their happiness? Imagine a life

devoid of all these diversions. Life would be lifeless, don't you think? It would lose its zest and gusto. These little enjoyments add to the flavors of life; otherwise, it becomes tedious and boring. Mind you, I know the inside story. I have heard people protesting against their neighbors barbecuing on their own decks for reasons of smoke and smells it brings next door. Objections are raised regarding thumping on roof tops, scraping of feet on the floor, dragging the furniture, even watering the plants; some of them being genuine and justified. Only it savors of bad blood among the neighbors - a feeling which kills the spirit of being neighborly; belies the truth of "Love Thy Neighbor" and nullifies the rights of neighbors on one another. Why not go to them and tell them what bothers you, just as you would tell a dear friend or a close relative. They'll understand and do their best to avoid doing things that bother or annoy you.

In a community living, we are blessed with an opportunity to acquire new friends, some of them soon to become near and dear ones, always standing by us in times of need. I wonder how many of us enjoy this blessing, how many of us make an effort to get to know our next door neighbors? Very few! Wouldn't it be nice to say "hello" with a smile as you happen to pass by and introduce yourself. Surely, they'll reciprocate in a similar manner, with the result that you have acquired an acquaintance, if not a friend. The greater the number of people you are acquainted with, the more at home and secure you'll feel in the community you live in. Besides, getting to know more and more people gives you a very warm feeling in the heart. Be good to your neighbors. Goodness is an investment that never fails. Love Thy neighbor and be loved in return.

Happy Holidays
from the Management & Staff
of Crown Colony



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!

Big Effort Underway to Protect San Bruno Mountain from Wildfires

By David J. Canepa

I'd like to highlight the work San Mateo County Parks is doing to increase ecosystem health and community safety at San Bruno Mountain Park after my office convened with homeowner's associations adjacent to the mountain concerned about wildfire danger.

The county is now mitigating fire risk by removing invasive species, including Gorse in the area along the north side of Saddle Loop Trail, west of Carter Ave, Oakridge Ave and south of Alta Vista Way.

Also, at the Crocker Gate Entrance, the Parks Department's contractor removed 27 large-diameter, mature eucalyptus trees, according to Parks Department Director Nicholas Calderon. This work was important for two reasons. First, it removed the number of trees that are touching in the canopy. In the case of a fire, reducing the number of canopies that are touching can reduce the rate of spread.

Second, by removing the large-diameter trees, Parks staff is able to access the interior of that grove and remove more hazardous trees and vegetation. While this will be a multi-year effort, removal of these trees will accelerate the pace of work.

The work includes hand crews strategically cutting and managing debris with a chipper. Mechanical treatment with a masticator will occur where access and terrain allow. Spot-application chemical treatment will occur where feasible. The initial treatment will take one to two years, with regular maintenance occurring over the following one to three years.

In addition to increasing safety to the community by removing excess wildfire fuels, this work improves native habitat for the endangered butterflies of San Bruno Mountain and protects residents and their properties in Daly City and surrounding communities.

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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!

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.

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.

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 your 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.

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



Board Highlights

Financial Report Ending September 30, 2021: Bautista & Co. reflected a deficit for the month of \$31,951.08, an ending cash balance of \$2,103,329.62 and total investments of \$1,859,745.93 which is designated to reserves.

Ratification of Window and Sliding Door Installations: The Board ratified the window and sliding door installations at 357 Half Moon Lane #4.

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 \$750 per month or \$9,000 annually plus \$6,840 for the cellular monitoring for a total cost of \$15,840 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 \$7,644 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.

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 \$7,000 to be funded from line #9947.

Corridor Refurbishment Proposal - Saylor, Inc: The Board approved the proposal from Saylor, Inc. for \$5,800 for the design work for the refurbishment of the corridor buildings for fiscal year 22-23 to include lobby flooring, carpeting paint and/or wallpaper, elevator cab, lobby artwork, bulletin boards and laundry room flooring and paint.

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. There are two ways to contribute to the Bonus Fund:

1) To 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 and send it to Bautista & Co. Their address is on your dues statement.

Contribution is strictly voluntary.

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 2022, should contact the Association Office by phone or e-mail and request a Statement of Candidacy form which is available in paper form or as a Word document. The candidate must fill it out and return it to the Association Office no later than 1:00pm on January 4, 2022.

Holiday Hours

Date	Office	Clubhouse, Gyms Laundry Machine	Bus
12/23/21	Closed	10am-6pm	Yes
12/24/21	Closed	Closed	NO
12/25/21	Closed	Closed	NO
12/26/21	Closed	10am - 6pm	NO
12/31/21	Closed	Closed	NO
1/1/22	Closed	Closed	NO
1/2/22	Closed	10am-6pm	NO

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



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
Clubhouse Hours Mon. thru Fri. 9 am - 8 pm Sat. & Sun. 10 am - 6 pm Recreation office: 991-3441 Staff: Ferdie & Anne			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
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

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 379 Imperial Way, Daly City, CA 94015

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)	650-994-0255 or dial 350 on any Building Directory
Crown Colony Office	650-756-8220
Rita Nicolas	e-mail: cchoa@crowncolonyhoa.com
Common Interest Management	650-286-0292
Bautista & Co.	650-697-7907
Cecille Osmena, 214 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030	
Wave Cable	Dat Tran - 415-407-4486 or 1-800-427-8686
Comcast Cable	Anthony Lee 408-859-2040 anthony@leancommunications.biz
Coinmach Laundry	1-877-264-6622
Crown Colony Properties	650-994-0300
All Clear Plumbing	650-303-5130

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		