

Please Don't Kill the Geese

By David J. Canepa

Seagulls poop. Pigeons poop. Crows poop and so do ducks but no one is talking about killing them so why should we kill the geese?

Many of you have heard that I conducted a rally to protest the Foster City Council's intent to kill at least 100 geese at a cost of \$1,000 per head due to the poop the birds create.

Advocates including Erik Allen with Direct Action Everywhere and members of the Foster City Council joined the rally to urge that the city find more humane ways to address the poop problem including developing a comprehensive plan that includes strategic natural landscaping, artificial turf and adding buffer zones along the banks of the city's lagoons.

Geese have called Foster City home for generations and I am urging its leaders to accept the Animal Protection League's generous offer to pay for a comprehensive plan that will address the poop problem for decades to come rather than relying on a short-term scheme to pay someone to snap the necks of these geese at a total cost of \$100,000 to \$250,000. We need to learn to live with the geese because, after all, "Everybody Poops."

I am also currently engaged with geese advocates who are analyzing whether the city has overstepped its authority under California statute, namely the California Environmental Quality Act, because geese are a part of the city's environment and because the high cost to taxpayers.

This is not just a countywide issue as geese populations exist in Colma, San Mateo, South San Francisco, San Bruno and Redwood Shores, it's also an issue that exists nationwide. We can learn from other communities across the country that have addressed goose poop by using non-lethal methods including technology such as drones and robots.

To me it is inhumane to kill the geese and I will continue to urge the city to partner with the county to come up with a comprehensive plan to mitigate the goose poop problem that other cities in the area and even the nation can model in the future. In the meantime, please don't kill the geese.

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

Halloween

Calling All Ghouls, Goblins and All Other Creatures of the Night!

Crown Colony is proud to present its 1st ever Spookfest Costume Contest sponsored by All Clear Plumbing and Drain on October 31, 2022. We are looking for the best Halloween costume roaming around the grounds of Crown Colony.

All age groups are welcome. All contestants will be divided in to three groups based on age. You'll have from 9am until 4pm to come by the Crown Colony Association Office dressed of course, to get a picture taken by the witches of the office. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

At 5pm we will call the winners to come by to pick up their gift of goodies! The witches will be looking for the scariest, cutest or the most creative customs We will be giving out candy bags and juice boxes for everyone to enjoy as well! Scare you there!

Patio & Studio Drains

Hopefully, the rainy season will soon be here. Make sure your townhouse patio or first floor studio unit drains are clear of debris to prevent your unit from flooding.

Residents, not the Association, are responsible for keeping these drains clear and free from any and all debris.



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!

Mold...

Crown Colony is located in a coastal climate that is often cool and foggy. The windows of our units are often closed and that along with our climate, create ideal conditions for mold to grow and thrive on our walls, window frames and other residential surfaces.

What Is It?

Mold is a term used to describe a type of fungus that is a natural part of our environment. Mold spores continually float in the air around us. Molds produce tiny spores in order to reproduce.

Most spores lie dormant but given the right conditions, mold will germinate and begin growing. Mold needs moisture to grow. Mold spores digest whatever they are growing on. Indoors, molds can grow on wood, paper, fabrics, carpet, wallboard, foods and other organic substances.

When Does It Grow?

When excessive moisture accumulates indoors, mold will grow, especially if the cause of the problem is not immediately dealt with. Excessive moisture can occur when rainwater enters a unit through leaks in walls, windows or the roof. Indoors, common causes include occupant-generated sources such as fish tanks, cooking, showers, baths and dishwashers. Any time warm, moist air comes into contact with a relatively cool surface, water vapor will condense on your unit's floors, walls and windows.

Is It Dangerous?

Most people are immune to mold. However, when some people are exposed to large amounts of indoor mold, it may lead to allergic reactions, trigger asthma, cause respiratory infections, or bring about toxic effects from certain chemicals in the mold cells. Any potential health problems can be minimized by removing the mold quickly and completely from your unit.

What Do I Do about It?

The most important single factor in mold abatement is to control the moisture in your unit. Without correcting the moisture problem, only a short-term solution will be reached and mold growth will recur.

To get rid of mold, it must be completely removed from the affected material, or the mold-contaminated material must be completely removed from your unit.

Mold can't be removed by spraying the surfaces with disinfectants, biocides or household cleaners.

Non-porous or semi-porous materials (such as metals, glass and hard plastics or wood, plaster and concrete) that are showing mold but are structurally sound can usually be cleaned and reused. Moldy porous materials (carpeting, wallboard, ceiling tile, wallpaper, fabric, upholstered furniture, mattresses) should usually be discarded, since they cannot be completely cleaned and thoroughly dried.

To clean a moldy area, mix one part household bleach to two parts water in a bucket and scrub the affected area. Dry the area as soon as possible and ventilate. Always use gloves, eye protection and a dust mask when cleaning mold.

Because of our climate, many residents, particularly those with north-facing units, spend much of the year with their heat on and their windows closed, ideal conditions for mold to grow in. The growth of mold can be stopped by eliminating the source of the excess moisture. Allow moisture to escape outside. To increase circulation, open your windows, move furniture away from walls, and make sure to use your kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans when cooking and showering. Let fresh air in to reduce moisture and keep mold at bay.

Who Pays For The Clean Up?

Both the HOA's master insurance policy, as well as most Unit Owners HO6 policies exclude mold clean up, unless the mold growth occurs subsequent to a covered water damage loss. Consequently, all costs, including but not limited to costs associated with testing the air quality, removal of the mold, and certification of mold removal will be the responsibility of the unit owner, **unless it has been determined that the mold was caused by water leaking from either a pipe in the wall or the exterior of the building.**

If it is determined that the moisture causing the mold came from outside the unit, the clean up and repair costs will be paid by Crown Colony HOA. Additional living expenses for unit owners displaced during clean up and repair, **regardless of where the moisture is coming from**, will be the sole responsibility of the unit owner. Remember that claims for additional living expenses, like clean up and repair, unless directly caused by a known loss, will be excluded on most HO6 policies.



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in the Corridors, Elevators,
Laundries, Gyms or Clubhouse



It is important to check your unit for mold today. Pay particular attention to the exterior walls and around sliding doors and window frames. Be sure to check behind any furniture that may be up against the wall. If you do think you have a mold problem, it needs to be investigated immediately. Please call the Association Office at (650) 756-8220 and make an appointment to have your mold problem examined and for suggestions on what you need to do.

Board Highlights

Financial Report Ending July 31, 2022: Bautista & Co. reflected a surplus of \$6,131.92, and ending cash balance of \$2,480,232.47 and total investments of \$2,347,312.31 which is designated to reserves.

Ratification of Window and Sliding Door Installation: The Board ratified the window and sliding door installation at 375 Mandarin Dr. #105.

Ratification of Proposal from Ideal Landscape & Concrete - Line #9711: The Board ratified a proposal from Ideal Landscape & Concrete to make the necessary repairs to the concrete stairs at Building 10 near Units #1 & #2 for a total cost of \$3,950.

Ratification of Proposal from El Camino Roofing for Carport Repairs at Building 27 - Line #9704: The Board ratified the proposal from El Camino Roofing for a cost of \$2,650 to make the necessary repairs to the carport at Building 27. Mr. Crump said after the proposal was approved, the contractor came out and opened the roof and it was discovered that the scope of work was beyond what had been approved therefore the work was halted and further investigation is pending.

Visitor Spaces

What's the time limit for the visitor spaces? Once you park in a 72 hour space and you leave it either before the 72 hour period has expired or after the 72 hour period has expired, you may not return to that same space with either (1) the same vehicle, (2) another vehicle registered to your unit or (3) a visitor's vehicle registered to your unit until an additional 72 hours has passed since you vacated the space. Once you park in a 24 hour space and you leave it either before the 24 hour period has expired or after the 24 hour period has expired, the above restrictions apply.



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

Visitor Parking

How embarrassing would it be to have your visitor's vehicle towed? You can prevent this embarrassment by informing your visitors of the parking rules prior to their visits. Here's what they need to know: Each visitor will receive a visitor pass as they enter the community, the pass must be displayed face-up on the left side of the dashboard and each pass is good for 72 hours. Your visitor can only park in your deeded space or a space labeled with a "V" and a number.

Pet Laundry

CSC has advised us that animal bedding and other items relating to animals should not be washed in the laundry machines. Our machines should only be used to wash clothing and other household laundry. They should not be used to wash animal bedding or anything else related to animals that may have pet hairs all over it. CSC's Service Department says there are no special filters in our machines that can handle the amount of dog or cat hair that will wash off. Instead, the pet hair will remain in the machine and on the wash. Some residents that have allergies to pets and can experience reactions from pet hairs. If you have been washing such items in Crown's machines please cease doing so immediately.

Unsightly Balconies

On our weekly inspections, we have noticed a number of balconies and patios that have items on them that are not allowed to be there. It is easier to advise you of what is allowed than what is not. Only the following items are allowed: gas or electric grills, plants, approved storage containers and outdoor furniture. Nothing else is allowed.

Double Parking

It has been reported that several residents or their guests have been double parking in the complex. They have either blocked other residents' vehicles or the entrances to the garages. This cannot be allowed. You and your guests must act responsibility and park your vehicles properly and in accordance with the rules.

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

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p align="center">Clubhouse Hours Mon. thru Fri. 9 am-8 pm Sat. 10am-8pm & Sun. 10am-6pm Recreation office: 991-3441 Staff: Ferdie & Anne</p>						1	
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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) 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
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Crown Colony Properties. 650-994-0300
All Clear Plumbing. 650-303-5130

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