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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

The 2005 Rules booklet, Property Maintenance Standards (page 10) states:



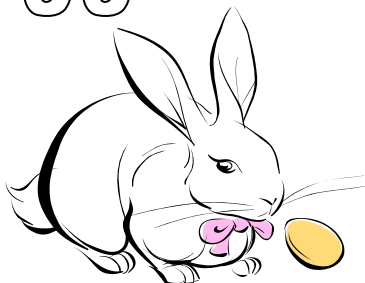
“Fences, gates, sidewalks, driveways, mailboxes, storage sheds, and yard decorations shall be properly maintained. All damage shall be properly repaired within 30 days unless otherwise authorized by the Architectural Committee.”

Notices are being sent to the owners of sinking, lifting or badly cracked driveways.

If you receive a notice and respond within 30 days, you may receive an extension of up to 6 months.

Although the AC is starting with the worst driveways first, you may want to contact your neighbors to work together with a contractor to get better pricing.

Egg Hunt



Tickets at Clubhouse

SUMMER JOBS

Are you 15 or older and looking for a great summer job?

Applications for lifeguard positions are available at the business office. We are looking for applicants who are responsible, reliable, and mature.

Applicants must have good swimming proficiency and be Red Cross certified in CPR, Lifeguarding and First Aid by May 31, 2012.

CHOA will reimburse successful RESIDENT applicants 50% of the cost to obtain the certifications upon submission of receipts.

Completed applications will be accepted at the BUSINESS OFFICE (not Clubhouse) until March 16, 2012.

Returning lifeguards will be paid \$9.50 per hour. New employees will be paid \$9.00 per hour.

If you have any questions about the lifeguard positions, please email Sarah Larson, Pool Manager at CHOApoolfacilities@gmail.com.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Mark the calendar: March 17th, 4 pm - 8 pm St. Paddy's Day Party at the Clubhouse "Get Your Green On." Free food, green beer and good times. Must RSVP to Nancy Bennett by March 7th.

nancy@bennettbetter.com
 925-606-8400.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

All holiday lights and decorations should have been put away by now. We are thinking about a contest for best decorated house next December. There were many extremely well decorated homes this year. Thank you all for displaying such spirit.



Special Dates:		
FEB	8	Architectural Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Bus. Off
FEB	8	Seniors' Pot Luck, 5:30pm, Clubhouse
FEB	9	Board of Directors Meeting, 7:00pm, Business Office
FEB	20	PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY, Business Office Closed
FEB	25	Vendor Day, Clubhouse

Treasurer's Report (Year To Date) BALANCE SHEET as of November 30, 2011

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Receivables	60,755
Prepaid Expenses	4,840
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,868,171</u>

Current Liabilities

Liabilities	82,421
Reserves	1,696,403
Owner's Equity	73,602
Income	15,745
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	<u>1,868,171</u>

Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT

	Actual	Budget	Actual over(under) Budget
Income	1,311,405	1,279,210	32,195
Operating Expenses			
Reserve Transfers	463,594	448,639	14,955
Administrative	161,784	167,084	(5,300)
Recreation	121,608	133,512	(11,904)
Utilities	156,449	152,160	4,289
Contract Services	185,697	187,930	(2,233)
Repairs & Maintenance	141,300	123,150	18,150
Insurance	39,120	39,800	(680)
Tax & Licenses	7,501	5,155	2,346
Miscellaneous Exp.	18,609	21,780	(3,171)
Total Operating Exp.	1,295,662	1,279,210	16,452
Net Income	<u>15,743</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,743</u>

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Please call the business office at 687-9961
with any questions about the budget report.

The Crossings Business Office

4498 LAWSON CT., CONCORD

Jan York, CCAM

Businessoffice@Walnutcountry.com

687-9961

ODDS AND ENDS

The Lost & Found is located in the business office at 4498 Lawson Ct. Recently turned in: autographed baseball.

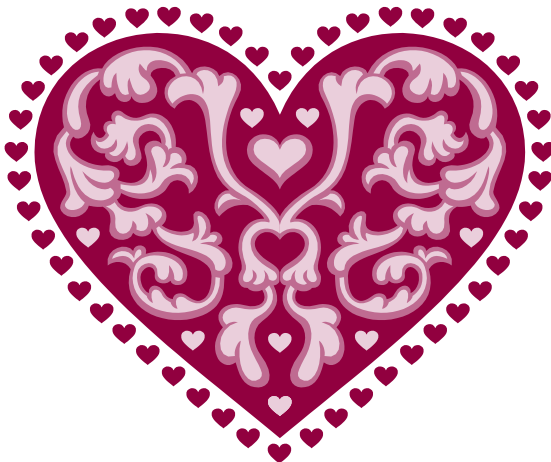
Monthly assessments cannot be paid at the business office. Payments must be sent to First Bank directly.

To inquire about renting the clubhouse, please call the Clubhouse at 825-0250.

Painting? Architectural applications are available at the business office and on the website - Walnutcountry.com.

If you purchase paint from Kelly Moore - tell them that you live in The Crossings and you will get a 25% discount - no joke.

Annual Garage Sale - always the first Saturday in May. This year that's May 5. Watch the Signal for registration information.



SENIORS' POTLUCK

We're celebrating St. Valentine's Day at the Seniors' Potluck group on Wednesday, February 8, at 5:30pm in the Clubhouse. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month).

Call Caroline Jackson at 687-7052 for more information.

WINE TASTING EVENT

Planning for another event has begun, so watch for more details in the March Signal. If you are interested in attending, let the clubhouse know.

POOL SEASON

While the Main Pool will open in April both the East and West pools will not open until May 25 (the Friday before Memorial Day). The side pools have traditionally opened Memorial Day weekend because of the cost to heat them earlier. While we know how much some of you like to swim, the cost is just too high.

CONTRACTORS' LICENSE

Before hiring any contractor, protect yourself and check that their license is current and their insurance is valid.

**Contractors State License Board
(800) 321-2752**

VENDOR DAY

Realtor Nancy Bennett is holding another Vendor Day for Crossings residents on February 25. Twenty-five to 50 vendors will be gathered to meet with you, discuss your home-related projects, and usually make arrangements to give you a free estimate.

Last year this free event was so successful it may be moved to a larger venue. See Nancy's flyer insert for more information.

Definitely save the day for this useful and close to home event.

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Provident Protection Group

INCIDENT LOG

12/31/11 2342 Hrs

While patrolling the greenbelt the officer observed a group of minors loitering. He advised them that it was after curfew and they should return home for safety. The group complied and returned to their homes.

1/7/12 2117 Hrs

While on foot patrol the officer noticed several lights that were not functioning properly. The lights were documented in the daily report for maintenance to replace.

1/7/12 2331 Hrs

While on foot patrol the officer observed a group of male teens loitering by the Firehouse. As he approached them the teens ran eastward. A check of the area revealed nothing was tampered with and nothing out of the ordinary. The teens were not seen on the rest of the patrol.

1/12/12 0249 Hrs

While walking near the tennis courts the officer found some articles of clothing on the ground. A check of the area was negative for any loitering or anyone needing assistance. The clothes were removed and the information was documented in the daily report.

1/14/12 1933 Hrs

While on patrol of the greenbelt officers observed a group of males who appeared to be smoking marijuana from a pipe. Upon contacting them the group stated they had a medical marijuana card. They were told simply because they have a medical card does not permit them to smoke in public. It was also determined they were not residents of the community. Concord Police were notified but the group fled in their vehicle. A description of the vehicle was given to Concord PD dispatch.



CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

The Walnut Country Clubhouse is a great place for homeowners to hold birthday and graduation parties, bridal & baby showers, poker tournaments, award ceremonies, weddings, receptions and anniversary parties.



Rental rate is \$300 for the lounge area (up to 8 hours). Game room and downstairs kitchen are an additional \$50 each. Conditions apply including:

- Serving alcohol requires paying for security.
- Proof of homeowners insurance required.
- Refundable cleaning deposit of \$500.
- Homeowner must attend entire event.

To reserve a date your \$500 cleaning/deposit check must have been received. Dates cannot be "saved" without the deposit.

DATES ARE RESERVED ON A "FIRST COME" BASIS.

To reserve the Clubhouse for your event, contact Thor Schreck at the Clubhouse or by phone at 925- 825-0250.

Walnut Country

Welcome to Walnut Country Preschool

With registration for the 2012-2013 school year in full swing, we welcome a busy February at the preschool. Open registration for new students begins on Valentine's Day, February 14th. As always, if you have any questions please contact us here at the preschool or visit our website at www.walnutcountrypreschool.com.

Along with registering returning students, January also ended with our annual "Special Person Day" where on a Saturday late in January, children brought in one special person to share their preschool with and engage in an activity. What a perfect segue into February! Remember when you hung a little brown paper bag on your school desk and waited for kids to give you a valentine? Our preschoolers will exchange valentines, brown-bag style, and begin to learn a little about what the surprises valentines hold.

Amidst all the fun that Valentine's Day brings, we'll be focusing on lowercase letters and building up fine motor skills. When was the last time you wadded up a piece of paper into a ball (fine motor skill) or picked something up with tweezers (fine motor skill) or moved a pencil between your two fingers? (fine motor skill). That's what we're working on this month. So indulge your inner child -- play with some Play-Doh (fine motor skill) and break out the Lite-Brite (fine motor skill) -- your fingers could use the refresher course, too. Have fun -- we sure will!

Walnut Country Swim Team

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, March 2

6:00 - 8:00pm

Walnut Country Clubhouse

**Come join us and learn more about the team!
Meet the Coaches!**

Register for the 2012 Season!

**For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jackie Byrd
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SPRING EGG HUNT SATURDAY APRIL 7th



WALNUT COUNTRY CLUBHOUSE

AGES 2 - 5 10:10 a.m.

AGES 6 - 8 10:25 a.m.

Tickets will be available 2/1/12

For \$4 per child

100s of candy-filled plastic eggs

BRING a BASKET and a CAMERA

Call 825-0250 for more info.

(One lucky Grand Prize Winning Egg per age group)

RAIN OR SHINE

POOL TOURNAMENT

Interested in Billiards? Come play in our tournament this month. To play, you must register by January 18th.



When: Friday, February 24th

Where: Clubhouse Pool Hall

Time: Beginner 6-7 pm

Advanced 7-8 pm

free to all residents

To sign-up- Call the clubhouse 925-825-0250



Join the Walnut Country Swim Team!

A Crossing's tradition for more than 30 Years!

The Walnut Country Swim Team is a recreational swim team, open to children aged 4 to 18.

Participate in Team Practices, League Meets, and more!

Learn Competitive Swim Techniques!

Enjoy Fun Social Events for the Whole Family!

Season: April 16 - August 5

Cost: only \$245 for Residents!

Resident Registration begins March 2nd.

WINTER CLUBHOUSE HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 4 PM TO 8 PM

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: 12 NOON TO 6PM

Please remember to bring your CHOA ID badge. If you don't have a badge, one can only be obtained at the clubhouse with proper identification. Cost is \$3 each.



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The Spot - A Place for Dogs



Following are some basic guidelines that should be taken into consideration when bringing your dog to a dog park – different items will be important to different people.

Be sure to take your dog's temperament into consideration and don't assume s/he's having a good time – watch your dog's demeanor and make an informed judgment about how happy s/he is to be there.

Don't

- ever bring a dog that is under 4 months of age
- expect everything to be "OK" if you take your small dog in to the big dog side.
- take sensitive dogs to an enclosed dog park where there are more than 2 dogs per every 20 square yards of space
- take your dog to a dog park if s/he is uncomfortable -
- take your dog to a place that s/he enjoys
- allow dogs to form loose packs and chase one dog
- allow a dog to bully another
- ever let your dog off-leash in an un-fenced dog park if he/she is not responsive to your verbal commands
- Keep your dog on leash inside the dog park.
- bring intact males or females in estrus to a dog park
- spend your time talking on a cell phone – this is time for your dog,

Do

- make sure your dog is up-to-date on his/her vaccinations
- observe the dogs in the dog park for the energy level in the park
- clean up after your dog
- interrupt any rough play BEFORE it goes bad.

be willing to leave a dog park if you feel that your dog is either being a bully, or being bullied

- be aware of which dogs (if any) are intact males at the park

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Big Grippers

Beg. group lessons for 8 to 11
Thursdays 4:30–5:30 pm
Cost: \$48 per month

Silver Group

Advanced Beginning/Intermediate group lessons for ages 12-18 yrs
Tuesdays 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Cost \$100

Gold Group

Intermediate group lessons for ages 12 - 18 years old.
Mondays 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Cost \$100 per month

Private

These are \$30 for each half hour lesson or \$55 for full hour.

Call **Thor Schreck** at the clubhouse
825-0250 for more
Information.

PET LOST & FOUND

If you are interested in participating in an updated "Pet Hotline" for missing and found pets, please send an email to Todd Power at toddpower@yourk9guy.com.

The Pet Hotline service was provided by volunteer homeowner Bill Agnew for many years. However, as Bill travels with his lovely wife Gail, he had to give up this position.

If there is enough interest, Your k9 guy, Todd Power, says he is willing to help unite pets and owners.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With the New Year's start now a memory and a month in the books, your Board of Directors is hard at work planning for 2012. We are also beginning work on a few landscaping projects. The first, you may have already seen progress on at our west entrance. We have removed the Sycamore trees that were prone to disease and are updating this main entrance to make it more representative of our association. We look forward to its completion soon. Additionally, we are beginning our 2012 "reserve" projects with updates that are due at our main pool. We want to make sure that one of our most popular facilities is ready for the upcoming swim season for all to enjoy.

At our January meeting, the Board prioritized areas we would like to focus on for the coming year including:

- Continuing focus on architectural issues and rules – an initial focus of the committee will be driveways that have lifted and are causing safety hazards as well as those badly damaged that detract from our neighborhood.
- Updating and improving communications to homeowners through updated web presence and better, more timely electronic communications to residents and homeowners.
- Analyzing our security issues with the assistance of our security provider to make sure we are getting the best service and providing the best security we can.
- Reviewing our clubhouse and recreation operations and programs.
- Continuing our landscaping review with a special focus on our trees to make sure we don't have safety issues with them.

We would be pleased to have you join us on February 9th at our Board meeting to offer your input on any ideas or suggestions you have. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mark Weinmann
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