



Crown Hills News May 2013

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Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2013
at 7 p.m.

Crown Hills Clubhouse

16th Annual Crown Hills 4th of July Parade

*Sponsored by Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians,
Kiwanis Club of Alpine & homeowners of Crown Hills*

Hey kids, join the parade! Decorate your scooter, skateboard, wagon, bike,



pets and yourself and march in our parade on July 4th. Prizes awarded for the best patriotic entries. We will have horses, floats, antique cars, and motorcycles, scout groups, dancers, flying car, and lots of decorated kids.



Invite family and friends to watch the parade and join in the festivities. Show some, red, white and blue spirit by putting up some chairs for guests. We will have extra covered seating at Larkspur and Star Thistle.

A **BBQ** will follow the parade at the clubhouse. Bring your own meat and a potluck dish to share. BBQ grills will be provided. The **Alpine Choral singers** will entertain us at 12:30pm.

No parking along the parade route or parade staging areas July 4th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. or on the guest parking lot on lower Larkspur and Star Thistle on July 3rd and July 4th, until after the parade.

Parade route: starts at Gentian Way and Columbine, Columbine to Begonia, left on Begonia to Larkspur, right on Larkspur to Star Thistle, right on Star Thistle to Larkspur, right on Larkspur to Columbine, left on Columbine to the clubhouse. **Staging areas** are club house, Lobelia and upper Columbine Rd.

Lineup is at 9:00 a.m. Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

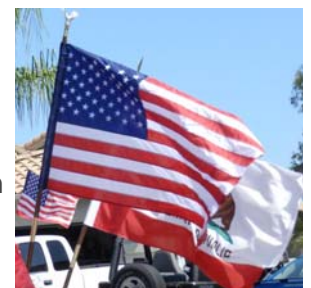
Let's make this our **best** parade ever!

We need Volunteers!!! Participate in our parade or become a **volunteer**, call Hilde at 659-8707 or the Crown Hills office 659-3520.

Let's celebrate the **red**, white and **blue**!

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. This year it is May 27th. Memorial Day was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women, who have died in military service for the United States. People visit cemeteries and memorials on this day to honor those who have died. It is traditional to fly the flag of the United States at half-mast from dawn until noon. Many picnics, sports events and family gatherings are planned for this weekend. Volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is a federal holiday. All non-essential Government offices are closed, as are schools, businesses and other organizations. Most public transit systems run on a holiday schedule. This weekend is celebrated as the unofficial start of the summer season.



From the Office Administrator Pool, Tennis Courts, Clubhouse

No animals are allowed in the tennis courts, pool area or clubhouse (Association Rules 3.11). **We do not rent the pool or tennis courts to groups.**

These areas are under the individual rules for homeowners of a limit of 6 guests to each home. (Association Rules 3.15) Rental of the clubhouse does not include extended pool use or tennis court use.

Homes with Green Utility Boxes

We are painting the utility boxes around our Crown Hills Community. Please trim and/or clear 2 feet around each utility box of all plant material. The companies who service these boxes require a two foot clearance. If you have one on your property, please see that it is cleared by the first of June. If not cleared, we will clear it for you at a charge to the homeowner. Thank you.

Caution RV Gate

A wheel is being added to the RV gate soon. Be careful entering the gate as the clearance of the gate opening may change. Thank you.

RV Lot

Anyone interested in information about the upgrades to the RV lot should attend the next board meeting on May 28th, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Help Prevent Theft!

Get Involved – Let's send the message if you come to Crown Hills to commit a crime, you're going to get caught. Crime Prevention Specialists at the Alpine Station provide the following services:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Residential & Commercial Security Checks
- Operation Identification
- Personal Safety Presentations
- Children's Programs
- Senior Alert
- Business Alert
- Crime Free Multi Housing Program (CFMH)

For more information or to schedule a program, contact the Alpine Crime Prevention Unit at 619.659.2608

National Teacher Day - May 7, 2013

"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher." ~*Japanese proverb*

Happy Mother's Day

For all Mothers
You are so truly special,
Unique in every way,
Sweet, warm and loving,
Like sunshine every day!



Cinco de Mayo is the celebration of the culture of food, music, beverages and customs which are unique to Mexico. In the United States we have many festivities such as parades, concerts, fiestas with emphasis on music and food. California is planning to ship 515 million pounds of avocados in 2013. One of the biggest crops on record ...and that's a whole bunch of guacamole. Yum!!! The colors of Mexico are often used in celebrations - red, white and green.

Salad recipe for Cinco de Mayo celebration

Prep. Time 30 min. Cook time 20 min. 6 servings

- 1 lemon or lime
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 ribs of celery w/leaves, halved
- 2 flat leaf parsley sprigs
- 4 black peppercorns
- 1 lb. large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and cut into ¼" die
- Juice of 1 lime
- 3 ripe avocados, halved and pitted
- 1 cup of small cantaloupe balls
- 1 cup of small honeydew melon balls
- 1 cup of cilantro mayonnaise
- 6 cilantro leaves as garnish

Squeeze lemon or lime juice in water to cook shrimp. Include the rinds too. Add bay leaf, parsley, and peppercorns. Boil. Reduce heat to medium and add shrimp. Cook until they turn opaque. Do not overcook. Remove shrimp with slotted spoon and put in bowl of ice. Cool shrimp. Remove from ice and pat dry. Cut into 1" thick chunks. Combine shrimp and tomatoes. Carve the avocados into balls and put with lime in bowl. Coat. Pour lime into avocado skin halves to coat and pour remaining into cilantro mayonnaise. (Cilantro Mayonnaise – ½ cup mayonnaise; ½ cup sour cream; 1 teaspoon of grated orange rind; 2 tablespoons of cilantro; salt and pepper to taste) Combine shrimp/tomato mixture with melon balls and avocado and mayonnaise. Serve in half avocado skins. Use cilantro leaves for garnish. Note: parsley may be substituted for cilantro.

Board Minutes Summary - April 23, 2013

Manager's Report

Concrete Step – Our last step will be repaired shortly, as soon as our contractor can combine it with another job. This will save us money.

Midyear Budget Review - Finance and Management will be conducting a midyear budget review in June. This helps us develop the budget and focus on areas of concern.

Reserve Study – We will be going forward with the reserve study in July by soliciting comprehensive proposals for it.

Legal Counsel – In May the board will be holding its annual meeting with legal counsel. There is no charge for the meeting as the Association is on retainer.

Treasurer's Report

The Association financial position as of March 31, 2013 is: total assets of \$656,332 comprised of \$18,586 in checking, \$614,426 in reserves and \$22,821 in accounts receivable. Monthly income of \$58,366, monthly expenses of \$41,260 and a reserve allocation of \$12,262 resulting in net operating income of \$4,845. Year to date income was reported to be \$173,231 and year to date expenses of \$130,785, and year to date reserve allocations of \$36,785 resulting in a net operating income of \$5,707.

Committee Report

Architectural – Frank reported there are a number of projects in the works.

Old Business

Tree Trimming – All tree trimming work should be completed by the 1st week in May.

Clubhouse Area Security – The 50% deposit has been processed and work will begin soon. The contract price includes 400 fobs. Homeowners will be given an opportunity 30-45 days in advance of the installation to pick up their fob. This project should be completed in July.

RV/Storage Security – John Slatinsky submitted a four page final report which will be reviewed by the Board. John thanked Porter for the other RV lot repairs.

Well Drilling – We are in the process of soliciting proposals for the project. It was reported that water usage is up 25% and we are asked to move the project on as quickly as possible.

Pool Heater – The Board voted to have Weiser install the new pool heater.

Merrill Lynch Investments – Porter reported that investigation into tax free municipal bonds revealed they do not meet the requirement established by the State of California for Association investments. As such they are not an option for the Association.

New Business

Review & Approve Year End Audit – The Board reviewed and approved the yearend audit.

Commission of Nominations Committee – Tom Smith has been appointed chairperson of the Nominations Committee. Porter will provide a timeline for the annual meeting.

Waste Management Contract – The RV dumpster contract has been terminated. We are going out for bid for a new contract.

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Starburst text: Larry Akin from El Capitan Pool Service, will be retiring June 1st. Larry has been servicing the pools and spa, washing the decks and pool furniture here at Crown Hills for over 23 years. Larry always had routine problems fixed in a timely manner. Congratulations on your retirement. Thank you, again, for your many years of service to our community, Larry. We wish you well!

Regular Clubhouse Activities
Mondays – Alpine Choral Rehearsal 7 – 9 p.m.
Wednesdays – Card Games & Snacks 9 a.m. Contact Shirley 619.659.0562
4th Tuesday – Open Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
1st Wednesday – CHIRP Meeting – 7 p.m.
3rd Wed – Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council – 6 p.m. Contact Wende 619.733.5579
3rd Friday – Game Night – 6:30 p.m. Contact Kathie 619.445.1174