

# Crown Hills News September 2014

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#### **Board of Directors**

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#### **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Crown Hills Clubhouse

### Water Distribution System Vote Extended!!!

You will be receiving an official notice in the mail stating the vote for the well distribution system has been extended. There was not a quorum on August 19, so the votes have not been counted. **The Board of Directors strongly urges you all to vote if you have not already done so.** The cost per household is only \$300.30 (already in reserves). Ballots will be accepted until **5:00 pm, September 22, 2014**. PLEASE VOTE!

#### Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting was a great success. Thank you, Judy Watson, Jim Hook, for his statistics and work on gathering information, and Becky Schooler who prepared the PowerPoint presentation. We also appreciate the hours the

Well Drilling Committee has put into research and recommendations. If you missed the meeting, the handout with all the facts will be enclosed with the official notice of extension. Any further questions can be directed to the office.

#### Crown Hills Homeowners Association Annual Meeting and Election

Two (2) positions for the Board of Directors will be filled in this election. Each household has two votes. If you prefer not to vote, please follow the instructions in your voting material for returning your ballot. Please return your ballot! Thank you!

Date: September 23, 2014

**Time**: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Clubhouse at 1821 Victoria Park Terrace

**Your vote is important!** Your ballots may be dropped off at the Crown Hills office. Remember to sign and seal the outside envelope. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the office.

#### The Crown Hills Question

#### Where did you attend High School?

Respond on the "Contact Us" area on our website at <u>www.crownhills.org</u>. Answers will be posted next month. Thank you.

#### Answers to last month's question:

#### What no/low cost ways do you use to stay cool in the heat?

- > Swim in our pool regularly.
- > I put a wet wash cloth in the refrigerator and use when I feel the need. It's very refreshing.
- I keep my curtains drawn and windows closed in the daytime and open them when it cools in the evening.
- > I wet my hair.
- > Drink lots of ice water and/or eat popsicles!
- We cook outdoors instead of heating up the house.

Office Hours Change

Thursday office hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

during Daylight Savings time.

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# From the Office Administrator Fob Information

#### What happens when the power goes out?

When the power goes out, the pool, restroom and exercise room doors lock. Folks in these areas can open the doors from the inside. The tennis courts are unlocked. The RV/storage area gates are locked.

# When the power is out, how do I get my RV out of the storage lot?

The gates can manually be opened in case of emergencies.

#### A little fob will fool you...

When you are using the amenities and someone's fob doesn't work, please don't let them into the area. Fob access failure should be reported to the office so they can be checked. Although a person may have a physical fob, they may be restricted from using the amenities. We are trying to provide the best atmosphere for our owners to enjoy. Thank you.

#### Cool Pool

Just a note - when the weather cools and we have cloud cover; our solar does not heat the pool much. The gas heater takes over. It may take several days for the gas heater to heat the pool. Please be patient and realize the 82 - 85 degree pool water (checked by the pool service Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings) will not feel as warm when our weather cools.

#### Happy New Year!

No, you didn't miss it; we just want to remind everyone about the **New Year's Eve Party**. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, desserts and lots of dancing with our new DJ, Allen. Hope you'll join us. Call Greg or Carol if you have any questions 722.6524. Hope to see you there!

#### Trimming in the Common Area?

Please notify the office first. Thank you.

#### Regular Clubhouse Activities

Mondays – Alpine Choral Rehearsal 7 – 9 pm Wednesdays – Card Games & Snacks 9 am Contact Shirley 619.659.0562

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Book Club – 6:15 pm

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Open Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed - Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council - 6 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – Game Night – 6:30 p.m.

Contact Kathie 619.445.1174

#### RV Lot Space Available

If you have an 18' to 26' RV, we have space available for you in our RV lot. Call the office if interested.

#### Garage Sale - September 27, 2014

The semi-annual garage sale will take place on September 27, 2014 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. All sale items must be removed from driveways by 3 p.m. The street should not be used for displaying items.

#### Moving Sale

Entertainment center \$50. Computer desk \$35. Student desk \$25. Large Coffee table \$100. Dining table/4chairs \$250. Art work-varied prices. Bedroom furniture. Refrigerator. Lots more. Reasonable prices. 619.722.4038.

#### Just a reminder...

#### From our CC&R's - On parking in driveways

11.5 (d) "Parking of "conventional vehicles" is permitted in garages, driveways, and other designated areas only. Parking on or driving on other areas, including grass, is not permitted. Vehicles parked in violation of this section are subject to towing at the owners expense. Towing hours shall be posted and are at the discretion of the Board of Directors."

# From our Architectural and Landscape Standards - Garage use

8.2 (c) Garages: "No dwelling shall be constructed or maintained on a lot without a garage. Any garage constructed or maintained on a lot (whether it be an accessory structure or part of the main dwelling structure) shall be constructed large enough to a maximum of two (2) standard sized vehicles.

Garages shall not be permanently converted into any use (such as a walled-in bedroom or recreation room) that would prevent parking of two (2) vehicles in the garage."

#### \*\*\*\* Crown Hills Homeowners Association Star This month we'd like to honor two ladies, Pam ☆ ☆ Smart, Landscape Committee Chair and Jane Duggan, committee information consultant. They $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ spend a lot of time helping to make our landscape at Crown Hills look its best and save as much water as we can. We'd like to thank you both for all the extra ☆ time you have put in, especially during these hot months, checking our outdoors and researching ☆ ★ ideas to make Crown Hills as wonderful as it can be. ★ Lt is so nice to have people such dedicated folks $\frac{1}{2}$ putting lots of effort into this work. Thank you. \*\*\*\*

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## Board Minutes Summary - August 26, 2014

There was no quorum at the meeting so there are no minutes this month.

#### Candidate Statements

#### Michael Beraud

I currently serve as the Secretary for the Crown Hills Homeowners Association. I work for the betterment of all the residents of Crown Hills. I'm the type of person that has great ideas and works collaboratively to get things done.

I have worked with the San Diego Unified School District for the past 24 years. I have been a teacher and am currently an assistant principal. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors for the San Diego Administrators Association and have been re-elected to another two year term.

I have lived in Crown Hills for 16 years and feel I can bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the Crown Hills Board of Directors. I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience over the past 2 years working as Secretary on the Crown Hills Board of Directors.

I would consider it to be an honor and a privilege to continue to work for the homeowners of Crown Hills.

#### John Slatinsky

I moved to Crown Hills in August 2003. After the Cedar Fire, I formed the Crown Hills Fire Safe Council. I coordinated the brush mitigation project and wrote the Crown Hills Fire Safe Manual, which every homeowner received. I also formed the RV/Storage area Committee which transformed the entire area to be energy efficient utilizing LED technology while reducing the electrical consumption over 50 percent. Both of these committees have been very successful.

I enjoy helping our community in any way possible, and a position on the Board is a way to make a larger positive impact for the community. I see the well project and street repaving are two critical and potentially costly endeavors our community is undertaking. We must remain fiscally responsible completing these projects while maintaining a balanced budget with a strong reserve.

My thirty four years as a public school district administrator provided me with opportunities to coordinate many projects while maintaining an 18 million dollar budget. I hold a Bachelor, Master's and Doctorate degree. I have proven I can work cooperatively with all groups and I am not afraid to ask the tough questions. My strengths are planning, coordinating, and leadership to see the projects undertaken are completed within the established timeline and within budget.

I am confident I have the necessary skills to serve as a Crown Hills Board Member and look forward to the opportunity to serve our community on a larger scale.

#### Casey Myers

My wife Judy and I have lived in Crown Hills for 5 1/2 years. I am co-owner of a small consulting business and am semi-retired. I served on the Palo Verde Ranch HOA BOD for almost 20 years; and my corporate BOD. While in the US Navy I managed a large building maintenance, plumbing, electrical, and construction shop. During my years on the PVRHOA, I was the chair of the Maintenance and Security Committee, responsible to the Palo Verde Ranch homeowners for managing the repair, maintenance and minor construction of all amenities provided to members. I wrote the initial Reserve Fund study itemizing things needed to be repaired or replaced.

I am currently serving our HOA on the Landscape and RV/Storage committees, and the Water Distribution Project. Through these activities, I have learned I share the same concerns and interests as many of you. I have a strong interest in helping Wes get our water well up and running. I would like to see us secure a reasonable bid to get our streets repaved. I will study our cash flow and Reserve Funding requirements and balance those against how our physical plant is aging.

If elected to the BOD, my goal is to identify where we can save money while striving to improve the physical plant. I will continue to support the landscape, well, and rv/storage committees, and volunteer to provide management oversight to the activities of our support contractors and vendors. Specifically, I will take a hands-on approach to ensure we are getting the best value from the services of our various vendors and contractors. Please vote for me.

#### Ron Torres

I have lived in Crown Hills for over 16 years and I would like to help the association. I have had 20 plus years of experience in the construction, concrete cutting and demolition business. I have directed over 100 employees.

We have many owners who volunteer for our association and I realized I have time to do that too. I have already started learning about the different committees and am helping the Fire Safe Committee. I believe in getting work done on time, giving attention to details, being a team player and keeping good schedules. I am willing to help by listening to owners concerns and being open to new ideas. I know I would be an asset to the Board of Directors and have the time to give, helping to make Crown Hills better.