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Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7 p.m. Crown Hills Clubhouse

Letter from the Board President

Crown Hills Association Plan - 2013

The Crown Hills Homeowner's Association plans to address the following items during 2013.

Well Drilling Project
Electronic Card Entry System
New Reserve Study Analysis
Governing Document Review & Update
New Office Copier
Clubhouse Hillside Landscaping Renovation
Tree Trimming Project
Tree Inventory Completed
Brush Abatement
Erosion Control Storage Lot
Committee Chairs Appointed:

- > Violation Restart
- Landscaping Duties Outlined & Restart
- > Parade Current Chair to Train

Schedule Budget Review in June and October Outline Road Paving Project For 2014

~ Submitted by Judy Watson, President CH HOA

Happy Valentine's Day!



Valentine's Day history in medieval times saw the youth of the time wearing names, drawn from a hat, on their sleeves. Hence, the modern expression came about 'to wear your heart on your sleeve'. If a young lady sees a sparrow on February 14th flying overhead it means that she will marry a poor man and be extremely happy. If she saw a robin she would marry a mariner. A goldfinch seen by a woman meant that she would marry into riches. (Where do goldfinches fly?)

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From the Office Administrator

Reporting Water Leaks AFTER Hours

To report a water leak, or sprinklers on during heavy rain, AFTER regular office hours, call Pacific Green's office at 800.439.9962.

A little Valentine Day fun...

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." Charles M. Schultz

"When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not your brain." *Mark Twain*

In Wales wooden love spoons are made and given as presents on February 14. Hearts, keys and keyholes feature as decorations on these carved spoons as an invitation to 'unlock my heart'.

St Valentine's Day commercialization probably began with the making and selling of cards in the 18th century. Women in the 18th century would write men's names on paper roll them in clay and place them in a bowl of water. The first paper to rise to the surface would contain the name of a woman's true love. (Sounds to me like the results could be "weighted".)

Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, and then, sweethearts. Children ages 6 to 10 exchange more than 650 million Valentine's cards with teachers, classmates, and family members. (Ah! To be 6 again!)

About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

70% of those celebrating the holiday give a card, followed by a telephone call [49%], gift [48%], special dinner [37%], candy [33%] restaurant meal [30%], and flowers [19%]. (...and with only 19% that's the florist's biggest day!)

Helpful Hints

One "gopher getter" homeowner suggests baiting your gopher traps with onion. The gophers love it. He puts one trap on one side of the hole and one on the other with lots of onion in between and the gophers come running. Try it!

Semi-Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, March 9th (not the 10th)

Don't forget the semi-annual garage sale on March 9, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Set out your sale items in your driveway, not on the street. Be sure to have the driveway cleared by 3 pm. Good Luck!

Thank you!

I want to thank the community for your wonderful outpouring of love and support following Jim's death. You are all a blessing to me and I count it a privilege to be a part of such a close, friendly little spot of heaven on earth. Thanks again. Shirley

Warning: Solicitors in the Area

Some homeowners have reported people who they believe are casing the area. Don't be paranoid but if you see suspicious people lurking **PLEASE NOTIFY** the Sheriff's Dispatch number at 1.858.565.5200. Emergency Stickers with the Sheriff's phone number are available in the Crown Hills Office. To learn more about Safety and Prevention Practices including home checks visit www.sdsheriff.net

Sunrise Powerlink Grants

It has come to our attention that there is a program being offered to certain property owners in the Greater Alpine area, as well as elsewhere, that could be very beneficial in helping you with creating and maintaining your defensible spaces. For more information and to see if you are eligible, go to www.sunrisepowerlinkgrants.com Dennis Larsen Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council 619.244.6093

You Are Not Alone, or Y.A.N.A., is an outreach program for citizens living alone, who, for whatever reason, are homebound. Members of the Senior Volunteer Patrol Program (SVP) monitor the welfare of Y.A.N.A. participants with personal calls and/or visits at their homes regularly. This service is provided free of charge. Sheriff's Stations SVP Contact Number Alpine: 619.659.2609 http://www.sdsheriff.net/co_svp.html

Play Date

Are there any little boys, ages 3 years to 5 years old, who live in Crown Hills and who would like to have afternoon play dates with my grandson once a week. Call Donna Jean at 445.3523

The Alpine Woman's Club February luncheon, Tuesday, February 19th at 12:00 noon. DON HALTE will entertain us with his melodic singing voice, accompanied by his guitar. You're invited to come and enjoy good food, our program, and making new acquaintances. The luncheon is open to all East County women. For more information, contact Judy Grant at 619.445.1987 or email alpinejude@yahoo.com

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Board Minutes Summary - January 22, 2013

Homeowner's Forum

- > Requests for landscaping, poinsettias, RV security, and clean up.
- Owner wanted to know if the Board was aware of the notice regarding pest spraying by the California Department of Agriculture - CDFA.
- > Owner reported there were men claiming to be recyclers cutting open garbage bags on streets and making a mess. Our night security has caught two men in the area.

Manager's Report

Exercise Room – Damaged pads on equipment have been replaced.

Painting - All stop sign road markings, fire hydrants, backflows and safety poles have been repainted. Utility boxes will be painted in the near future.

Clubhouse – Heating/Cooling issue in site office has been resolved.

Well Drilling – A list of contractors have been established. Specifications are being prepared for the bidding process. Specifications for the well drilling, holding tanks, pumps etc. have been prepared. Specifications for the concrete pad, required grading, required trenching and bringing electricity to the pump location are being worked on. When the information is complete it will be formulated so owners will know what the cost of is of sinking the well; bringing the well on line; and amending the CC&R's to allow water well drilling.

President's Report

2013 Planning – There is a list of projects the board wants to complete this year. The list was summarized. (See front page of the newsletter)

Committee Reports

Water Use and Cost Analysis - Jim Hook stated during 2012 water costs were \$110,677. We are using less water but the cost continues to rise.

Concrete Step **Replacement –** The motion carried to replace the cracked steps in the upper triangle area. The areas where concrete has lifted in that area will be addressed by our maintenance crew.

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New Business

2013 New Year's Eve DJ - Motion carried to contract with the same DJ for 2013.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Crown Hills Community Clubhouse

Crown Hills Homeowners Association Star

Frank LoCicero - February's Star. Have a question about your home? Frank is your man. He is always available to answer questions. I don't think he's ever been stumped by a home owner yet. We are very lucky to have him as the Chairman of the ARC Committee. Thank you, Frank, for your many hours of service to the Crown Hills community. We are very fortunate to have you.

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