



Crown Hills News March 2013

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Next Board Meeting

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

4th of July Parade

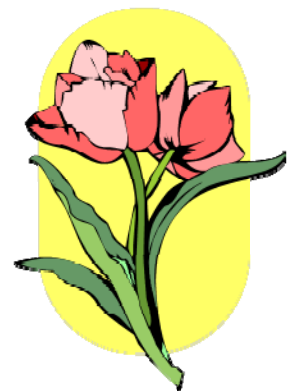
The 1st meeting for the July 4th Parade is Saturday, April 6th, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Crown Hills Clubhouse library. We need a co-chair and volunteers. Please call Hilde at 619.659.8707, or the Crown Hills office, or just come to the meeting.

This will be my last year of being the Parade Chair. Our co-chair for 2013 would be expected to be the Parade Chair in 2014. This year would be to get your feet wet and I'll be around next year for questions. Please think about volunteering for this position. It brings many residents lots of fun and happiness besides being patriotic. We already have people to put the pot luck together.

If you are interested in being the July 4th Parade Chairperson, please call the Crown Hills office or Hilde 619.659.8707. The current chairperson will help you co-chair this year.

Fire Assessment

The representatives below are still actively working to have the fire assessment fee removed. Keep making those calls to: Assemblyman Brian Jones at 619.441.2322 and Diane Jacobs at 619.531.5522 to let them know you support their efforts on our behalf.



Alpine Revitalization Meeting

Diane Jacobs held her semiannual meeting at the Crown Hills Clubhouse on Jan. 31st, 2013. Projections for our area included:

- Relining the culvert that passes below the intersection of Alpine Blvd. and Tavern. No tearing up road for this. It will be done underground.
- Repaving Victoria from the top all the way down to the I-8 ramp.
- County Parks and the APG Parks Committee have identified 9.1 acres of land available for an active sports park for our Alpine youth.
- CHIRP is awaiting approvals and permits to begin beautification plantings along Alpine Blvd.
- We have a growing interest in an Alpine "Farmers Market" and the county is working on a plan for setting it up.
- Upgrades for school safety are in the works including daily sheriff visits and more presence of the Alpine Sheriff's Senior Volunteers.

Always Give the Benefit of the Doubt

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now she's hitting the bottle.'

Happy Spring!

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.

Clubhouse Directions

Direct visitors and guests to our website at www.crownhills.org. Click on "About Us" scroll down and click on the "Google Map." If you give our Victoria Park Terrace address, both Google and MapQuest direct the user to one end or the other of our property line on Victoria Park Terrace. Remind them to turn on Gention to access the parking lot in front of the clubhouse.

Daylight Savings time begins March 10, 2013

Speed Limit on Our Streets

Just a little reminder that the speed limit on our streets is **20 MPH**. Sometimes we need a little reminder because we get so used to driving on them. Please let us all be good, safe, polite drivers, save a little gas and travel only at 20 MPH or less. Thank you.



Attention RV/Storage Lot Renters

This is a reminder for all RV/Storage lot renters: No person is ever allowed to stay in the lot overnight. The lot is for storing your belongings only!

Committee Chairs

Thank you to the volunteers who have come forward to fill the Violations and Landscape Chair positions. We still need a 4th of July Chair.

Alpine Free Chipping Program

If you would like to participate in the free program their schedule is on the homepage of their website at www.greateralpinefire.org We are in zone 2. This is the best way to get ahead of the curve. Dennis Larsen, Volunteer/Chipping Manager Greater Alpine Fire Safe Council.

Mail Box Locks and Keys

If you need to replace your mailbox lock or key, they can be purchased at the hardware store. You will have to meet the mail carrier at your box on a delivery day to install the new lock. Please bring identification with you to show the carrier you reside at the address on the box. If you have questions, call the office.

Solar Panels on Crown Hills Homes by Jim Hook

Most homes in Crown Hills average 100 kWhr/month or less. I have been investigating installing solar panels on my home for at least ten years and could never justify the cost. Sungate Energy Solutions came and talked with my wife and I on 1/11/13. They convinced me that I didn't need to reduce all my electricity cost, just keep it always in the baseline allowance cost. I could do this with only seven Canadian 255 watt panels. At present, we pay .07457/kWhr for our baseline. The price goes up for 101-130% in the second tier and more for the third tier of from 131-200%, and even more for the fourth and final tier above 200%. The percentage increase for each tier is: 36% tier 2, 180% tier 3 and 213% for tier 4. The three tiers above baseline are what kill us. My system was installed in one day on 1/27/13. The inspections by the County were completed on 2/8/13, and I was allowed to turn on the System on 2/12/13. My savings read on 2/25/13 were 135.9 kWhr. San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union is offering 4.99% financing.

Paint colors on Dunn Edwards Website

To access the Dunn Edwards paint website:

Go to: www.dunedwards.com

Type "**HOA color library**" in the "Search Box keyword" in the upper right corner

Press **Enter**

Click on the link: Dunn-Edwards - Community & Property Managers - Explore Color - Color Tools - Color Archive

Type: **Alpine** and choose **CA**

Click: **Submit**

In drop down list click on **Crown Hills**

Paint colors in schemes from one to eleven will appear. You may order color samples here free. We are working to get the 5 original colors on-line.

For Sale

My March 9th Garage Sale at Crown Hills will have list of all items for sale and date of next ESTATE/MOVING Sale. Items include assorted tools, saws, plumbing, fishing items., pet cages, authentic Japanese and SW Indian dolls, Japanese items, cat collectibles and furniture. For info call Phyllis at 445-9044.

2005 Itasca

Barely used. Only 7,000 miles. First come, first served. 32 ft., solar panels, hydraulic leveler, tow package, 2 - TV's, sleeps 8, full shower, 2 pop-outs - bedroom and living room, outdoor stereo system, new generator, batteries, and much more. The perfect price for the perfect buyer. Sacrifice at \$39,000. Please call 619.933.8533

Board Minutes Summary - February 26, 2013

Homeowner's Forum

There were several requests for tree removal.

President's Report

- > New Landscape Chair and committee met last week. They decided to walk the common areas once a month to determine maintenance. New policies and procedures were established with projects to be submitted to the board.
- > Pacific Green is keeping a list of items reported by owners to determine an action plan.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Soto noted the Association has cash balances total of \$599,726.14, including \$8,551.67 in the checking account and \$590,674.47 in money market and CD accounts. Total Revenue equaled \$56,424.62; Net Expenses were \$53,990.48 resulting in Net Operation income of \$2,434.14. A reserve allocation of \$12,261.50 was made. Expenses for the month included a one-time expense of \$8,250 for Tree/Brush Work, and \$921 for social activities.

The Board approved the Merrill Lynch investment recommendations subject to review of the Tax Free Municipal Bond options.

Committee Reports

Architectural: Frank reported that a number of owners are putting in solar systems.

Old Business

- > **Tree Trimming** - All contracted work has been completed, but additional work may be needed.
- > **Clubhouse Area Security** – The board approved a contract with Swift for \$8,500. Owners will be informed of the progress.
- > **Mailbox Maintenance** - The work has been done, but it was recommended that additional work on rust be done.
- > **Well Drilling** – The CC&R amendment has been drafted at \$264. The committee will be meeting Thursday to approve amendment and proposed communication for owners approval.
- > **Concrete Steps** – STP has completed the approved work and more work is required.

New Business

RV/Storage Security – The board received a report from an ad hoc committee which will be reviewed by the board. A gate maintenance contract was approved by the board for twice a year at \$250 each visit.

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 ☆ **Crown Hills Homeowners Association Star** ☆
 ☆ Congratulations to **George and Pat Wood** for ☆
 ☆ receiving the Chairman's Award at the 18th ☆
 ☆ Annual Alpine Mountain Empire Leadership ☆
 ☆ and Public Service Awards for Alpine and the ☆
 ☆ Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce. They ☆
 ☆ have given decades of community service. We ☆
 ☆ are glad you are in the Crown Hills Community ☆
 ☆ and are proud of you. ☆
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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