

CROW CANYON HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

February 2023 Newsletter

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The February 2023 newsletter for Crow Canyon Heights (CCH) is available for registered members at www.crowcanyonheights.com. It is also sent via email to all homeowners and residents who have an email address on record. If you wish to stop receiving simply send an email to "cchalert@comcast.net" and write "STOP" in the subject line or in the body of the message.

Mark Twain said that "if you think you're a big shot, try giving orders to another man's dog."

NEXT BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Audio/Video Conference bridge attendance info will be provided via email prior to the meeting

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and ask questions related to our community. Sometime last year, this segment was moved from the beginning of the meeting to instead be at the end. Here are the reasons the meeting order was modified:

- Homeowners may sometimes have comments or questions about things that affect them personally and individually, such as home repairs, tree issues, drainage, sidewalk/driveway issues, and more. The open meeting can often have these items on the Board agenda to be addressed, and Board actions during the meeting may answer questions before they're asked.
- Information may arise during the meeting during Board member presentations, Board decisions, etc., which can prompt new questions or comments from homeowners that may otherwise not have been raised.
- Board member's time and attending homeowners' time can be spent much more efficiently and is better utilized by avoiding discussions that are repetitive, rehashing topics that have already been noted, discussed, addressed, or recorded.

All homeowners are strongly encouraged to contact the management company (see contact information located in the top left column of newsletter page-1) with individual issues or other specific matters when discovered. Including a photo from a smart

February
Happy Valentine's Day!

February is National Heart & Cancer Awareness Month

All Homeowner Association meetings of the Board of Directors are required to include a "homeowner's forum," a segment in which members are provided the opportunity, within time limitations, to comment, compliment,

phone and brief descriptive note via email is most helpful and will move things along, rather than saving them up to list in a bi-monthly Board meeting.

WATER WATER WATER

On January 23rd a water main burst under the paved street at the corner of Shoshone Circle and Powhattan Court. EBMUD responded promptly, turned off the water supply for surrounding homes, dug deep into the street, and made repairs restoring normal water service by nightfall of the same day. In another incident, Jensen Landscape responded quickly to an irrigation water main break on February 2nd between 2172 and 2176 Oneida Circle. That one was less disruptive to the surrounding residents.

It's been discussed in various Board meetings and previous newsletters that our community is aging and our infrastructure, from time to time, needs increasing care, maintenance, and repair. If you see an issue please be sure to promptly report it to HAS, the Crow Canyon Heights management company.

IMPORTANT NOTE: when the irrigation system has been running, those areas located at lower elevations, such as Shoshone Court, Powhattan Court, and portions of Shoshone Circle, and others, will continue to show irrigation water running out of various locations for a short time. This is a result of residual water in the irrigation pipes and gravity, and not a necessarily a result of leakage or a problem.

Despite the heavy rains we experienced in December and January, the drought continues in California and water is a precious and expensive resource. According to the US Drought Monitor, about 80% of the recent heavy rains unfortunately just ran off into the Pacific Ocean. California's surface area under drought conditions has dropped from 80% to only about 72%, and we will need years of above average precipitation to end

drought. It has been over 40 years since any meaningful reservoir or other water capture projects have been constructed, despite changes and increases in the state's population and changing demographics.

Thus the strategy to focus on drought tolerant landscaping for CCH for the foreseeable future wherever practical and possible, while maintaining our trees and general aesthetics.

If you're curious about details go to the "Landscape Planning" button on the CCH web site: (www.crowcanyonheights.com >Home >More >Members >Landscape Planning), or contact HAS.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to sign up for NIXLE alerts from the Danville and San Ramon Police Departments. Simply text your zip code to 888777. The alerts are timely and often critical, especially when there are local police actions, forecasts of more rain, flooding, and street closures.

PARKING

CCH parking rules are readily available on the CCH web site in the current Rules and Regulations Guidebook. For those requiring permits for driveway parking, permit applications and payments should already have been completed. Having a previous annual permit but without renewing and paying for 2023 will result in ticketing, penalties, fines, and for persistent violators, be aware that vehicles can and will be towed as a last resort.

For more information including the schedule for upcoming Board meetings, see the CCH web site: (www.crowcanyonheights.com

Also reference the **H**omeowner **A**ssociation **S**ervices (**HAS**) online system with questions and for information (online.hoaservices.net/CaliberWeb2_HAS/#/), or email Jennifer at jtavares@hoaservices.net