

# THE CROSSINGS The Signal

MARCH, 2015

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**WC RECREATION NEWS**  
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**MOVIE NIGHT Mar. 13—6:30pm**  
**"BIG HERO 6"**

**Architectural Committee News**  
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## Landscape Committee – Letter from the Chairman, Todd Peterson

In March you will begin to see more progress toward CHOA's goal of reducing our Association's water usage and expense. The area of the South Slope from Lawson Court to Oakbrook Court (across from the Clubhouse) will be addressed by upgrading the irrigation, installing drought-tolerant shrubs, eliminating some of the thirsty turf, removing some unhealthy and/or ill-placed trees, and installing recycled wood chips in the non-turf areas.

The new design takes advantage of updated irrigation technology that enables substantially less water consumption. The project also calls for a densely planted shrub screen at the top of the slope along Ygnacio Valley Road to provide a visual and sound barrier where there is currently a large open area. The plan preserves much of the existing healthy vegetation and trees while also planting for the future.

Working in concert with Contra Costa Water District, CHOA will again take advantage of rebates offered for turf reduction and irrigation infrastructure upgrades. At print time CHOA anticipates receiving \$7,000 to \$10,000 in rebates from CCWD on this project.

The rendering for this project is currently on display in the Business Office and Clubhouse. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this project or CHOA's water conservation accomplishments and goals, please attend the next Landscape Committee meeting Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Business Office.

## **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Corned beef, cabbage and green beer once again will highlight resident sponsor Nancy Bennett's St. Paddy's Day feast. Starting at 5pm Nancy's leprechauns will serve up traditional Irish-American delicacies. Space is limited to the first 125 people who RSVP prior to March 7th.

**You must RSVP for this event!**

[crossings-stpaddys.eventbrite.com](http://crossings-stpaddys.eventbrite.com)

or

925-606-8400

## **WALNUT COUNTRY PRESCHOOL** **SILENT AUCTION**

Saturday, March 28th

7:00 - 9:00pm

at the Walnut Country Clubhouse

For more information e-mail  
[walnutcountrypreschool.com](mailto:walnutcountrypreschool.com)

- or call -

(925) 798-9686

(This is an adult only event)

## **THE ACTIVITY COMMITTEE** **NEEDS YOU!**

We would love to add a new committee member or two to complement the already great group we have. If you have any interest in giving something back to the community please call the clubhouse office (925-825-0250), or e-mail [recdirector@walnutcountry.com](mailto:recdirector@walnutcountry.com) for more information. Thank you!

## **Special Dates**

Mar 4	Landscape Comm. Meeting 7pm	Business Office
Mar 6	<b>WCST Ice Cream Social 5-7pm</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>
Mar 11	Senior Potluck Dinner 5:30pm	Clubhouse
Mar 13	MOVIE NIGHT 6:30pm	Clubhouse
Mar 18	Book Club Meeting 6:30pm	Clubhouse
Mar 25	Architectural Committee 6:30pm	Business Office
Mar 26	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	Business Office
Mar 28	<b>WC Preschool Silent Auction 4-12am</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>

## Treasurer's Report (Year To Date)

### BALANCE SHEET as of January 31, 2015

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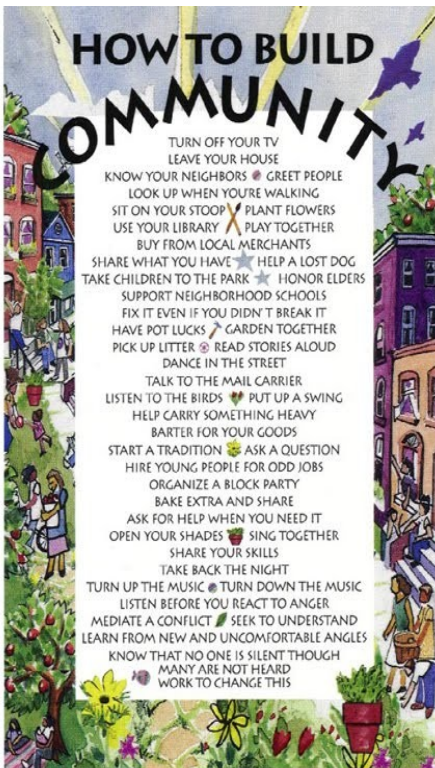
Cash Operating Acct.	\$242,611
Cash Reserve Acct.	2,302,106
Receivables	18,220
Prepaid Expenses	34,422
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$2,597,359</u></b>

### Current Liabilities & Capital

Liabilities	\$84,917
Reserves	2,301,356
Owner's Equity	185,987
Income	25,099
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,597,359</u></b>

### **Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT**

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over or (under) Budget
Total Revenues	\$108,042	\$106,321	1,721
Operating Expenses			
Payroll/Benefits/Taxes	\$5,308	\$10,850	\$(5,542)
Management Expenses	15,672	12,245	3,427
Office Equip/Supplies	4,301	2,248	1,783
Professional Services	290	2,302	(2,012)
Facilities Repair/Maint.	19,458	26,216	(7,554)
Recreation	211	1,316	(1,105)
Utilities	6,586	9,454	(2,868)
Security Expenses	3,338	4,647	(1,309)
Insurance	3,084	4,054	(970)
Tax & Licenses		1,079	1,079
Reserve Expenses	24,611	24,611	
Miscellaneous Expense	354	500	(146)
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$82,943</b>	<b>99,522</b>	<b>\$(16,579)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$25,099</b>	<b>\$6,799</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>



*Pat Magee: General Manager*

*The Crossings Business Office*

**925- 687-9961**

**Businessoffice@Walnutcountry.com**

### President's Corner – March, 2015

With spring fast approaching, our focus turns to the outdoors. And here in the Crossings, we have a wonderful outdoors to enjoy with our greenbelts and facilities. Along that note, the Board of Directors approved a new landscape project for our south slope across from the Clubhouse. Please see the article in this month's signal and attend the next Landscape Committee on Wednesday, March 4th if you are interested in learning more.

I hope you all had a chance to see the article on Walnut Country/The Crossings in the January edition of the Concord Pioneer. It highlighted our community and we hope to contribute more articles in the future. You can view the Concord Pioneer online at: [concordpioneer.com](http://concordpioneer.com). See the January 30th issue on page 11 for the full story.

As many of you are aware, we have a new General Manager, Pat Magee. Pat has been with us for more than two months now. In that short time, he has made a definite impact on our operations and stepped up to challenges quickly and effectively. He has been quick to address issues (like our recent downed trees) and is effectively communicating with the Board. I'd like to offer my thanks to Pat for his work thus far. We look forward to many more contributions. If you haven't met Pat, I urge you to stop by the Business Office and say "hi".

Our Crossings Activities Team continues its work on upcoming events. We have two upcoming events we need help in getting planned. First, our annual Spring Egg Hunt will be back with more costumed characters on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Crossings 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting will be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. And returning for a second year, our Cinco de Mayo potluck is being planned for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> as well. We hope to see you at all these great events.

We would be pleased to have you join us on March 26<sup>th</sup> for our next regular monthly BOD meeting. Until next month...

Mark Weinmann, President

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### ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The Architectural Committee (AC) will be looking at the following items listed below in their inspections. Please note that the AC is NOT imposing new rules, they are merely following what is stated in the CC&R's, By-Laws and Rules Booklet under the direction of the Board. If you have received a letter and you have been given prior approval please notify the Business Office. Please bring a copy of your approved "Architectural Application", so that the issue may be resolved and documented in your file. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Things the AC will be currently looking at while doing inspections: Ivy bushes and/or shrubs growing onto sidewalks and/or blocking sidewalk access. Sidewalks lifting, tree branches hanging lower than 8 feet from sidewalk and 12 feet above street. Fences painted, falling apart, leaning, missing boards, and mismatched boards. Balconies - aged and/or in need of replacement or new paint. Beams, rotting and/or in need of new paint. Fascia boards in need of replacement or new paint, and items stored in front of houses such as, trailers and boats and non-operable vehicles stored on driveways and streets and unregistered vehicles.

The AC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month for conferences, application approvals and other committee business. As always your presence is welcomed and we encourage your feedback. Your feedback is essential in making our community a better place for all of us to enjoy. If you cannot make an AC meeting you are encouraged to come by the Business Office or send an email.

## (855) 371-5300 Security for Common Area

### GSG Protective Security



Great news ladies and gentlemen...  
There was absolutely no crime at the Crossings  
reported to or from GSG Protective Security this  
past month!!



#### \* SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT \*

The existing CHOA security company has a new name and new contact number. They are now called, "GSG Protective Security." Their new number is: (855) 371-5300.

#### REWARD

The Board of Directors is prepared to pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who willfully destroys or damages association property, including graffiti. If you know of or see someone using a marking pen, paint pen or spray paint, etc. to deface property within The Crossings, please contact CHOA Manager at 687-9961 or e-mail: [businessoffice@walnutcountry.com](mailto:businessoffice@walnutcountry.com)

#### Vacation Time Safety Tips

A simple, albeit crucial, way to gain peace of mind while traveling is to ask a friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your house while you're away. First, bribe your friend with some freshly baked cookies or cupcakes. Next, ask him or her to walk or drive by your home once every day or so and check on the place. Give this person a key so that he or she can bring your mail in, water your plants, rake your leaves, etc. If you don't use a garage, you may also want to give this person a key to your car -- you never know when your vehicle may need to be moved. He or she should also have your contact information and a copy of your itinerary in case of emergency.



#### \* VANDALISM HURTS EVERYONE! \*

Recent vandalism that took place at the upper tennis courts...specifically to the light timer... cost CHOA over \$600 to repair. Please report vandals to Pat Magee at the Business office.

#### IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE (Non Emergency)	925-671-3200
GSG Protective Security	1-855-371-5300

#### CITY of CONCORD

City Hall	925-671-2489
Abandoned Vehicles	925-671-3259
Public Works Maintenance Serv.	925-671-3132
Streets & Sidewalks	925-671-3050

CHOA Business Office	925-687-9961
Clubhouse Office	925-825-0250



*Clubhouse Office**4465 South Larwin Ave.**925-825-0250***WALNUT COUNTRY  
BOOK CLUB**

Can you believe it was a year ago that the book club was formed? Time sure goes by fast when you are reading a good book. For all of you who have been here since the beginning, and those of you who have joined along the way, I hope you have enjoyed yourselves as much as I have. Now to the books: March's book is, "Relic" by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child and April's is, "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. For more information about the book club you can go to: [info@berkshire-books.com](mailto:info@berkshire-books.com) or call the Clubhouse at 825-0250.

**WALNUT COUNTRY  
PRESCHOOL**

February was spent teaching the kids about showing love and appreciation for friends, family, and the community around them. Our Valentine's Day celebration had the preschoolers exchanging cards and treats, and bringing home special heart-themed tokens of love to mom and dad. The rest of the month focused on our appreciation for community workers that we rely on every day. We had visits from nurses, police officers, and fire fighters who also happen to be Walnut Country moms and dads. Thanks to everyone who came in to share their careers with the children – many young minds were inspired. Registration is still going on for the 2015-2016 school year, if you or someone you know is looking for a great learning environment please come see what we are all about. Schedule a visit by calling Caryn Borba at 925-798-9686, or email [wcpreschool@astound.net](mailto:wcpreschool@astound.net).

**View From The Clubhouse**

Wow, what a Super Bowl! For those of you who came down to watch the game here at the clubhouse, thank you for making the 1st annual CHOA sponsored Super Bowl party such a rousing success!! 43 adults and 21 children made for quite the turnout. And the two people rooting for New England made up for the lack of crowd support with enthusiastic whooping when the clock finally ran down. Let's do it again next year... Super Bowl 50 at the Crossings clubhouse!

April brings two of our favorite events to the Crossings...

Come Saturday, April 4th the **Spring Egg Hunt** will once again be front and center. The Clubhouse staff and CHOA's many wonderful resident volunteers will be reviving egg hunts of yore. Costumed characters and mascots will once again be joining forces to make this egg hunt super special. Whatever you do, please don't forget to bring your camera!

Tickets for this spectacular event will go on sale at the Clubhouse office starting March 16th. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event. Admission price is \$5.00 per child.

The first group of egg hunters (ages 3-5) will take off at 10:30am. The 2nd group (ages 6-8) will start at approximately 12 noon. By the way, there will be a spectacular prize for the lucky egg hunter in each group who finds the "magic" egg!

The second big event of April is the annual **Wine Tasting**. This event will take place in the Clubhouse on Sunday, April 19th from 3-6pm. Discover new wines, meet new friends and join in the fun. Luscious delicacies will be paired with all the varietals. This event has gotten so popular that RSVP's are mandatory! The deadline to RSVP is 4/12. **NOTE** : Space is limited so RSVP ASAP by calling 925-825-0250, or by re-mailing [recdirector@walnutcountry.com](mailto:recdirector@walnutcountry.com).

On another note, CHOA resident Jennifer Villena is starting up a youth yoga class here at the Crossings. Presently, class will be held once per month in the clubhouse. Her first class is slated for Friday, March 13th from 2–3pm. For more information call Jennifer at 415-310-9506.

**Important dates to remember**

1. Daylight Savings Time is March 8th.
2. The WC Soccer League begins play on March 9th.
3. Election Day is March 17th.
4. T-Ball season starts June 15th.

'Til next month...

**Andy Steinberg**  
**Clubhouse Supervisor**



I Love the spring egg hunt!

# Walnut Country Recreation News

## WALNUT COUNTRY SOCCER LEAGUE

Is your child 5-7 years of age? Does he or she enjoy running and kicking a ball?

Beginning March 9th and going thru April 29th the Crossings will field their own teams. This is an introductory session for beginners that will be meeting Mondays & Wednesdays. One day will be dedicated to developing proper techniques while encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship. The second day will be reserved for games. Parent/Coaches meeting will take place March 2nd at 6pm in the clubhouse. To reserve your spot call 825-0250.



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### NOW HIRING: Lifeguards

(Rate: \$9.50/hr, returning lifeguards \$10/hr)

#### Lifeguard Prerequisites:

1. Must be at least 16 years old.
2. Must be able to swim 300 yards continuously.
3. Obtain a Work Permit, if under the age of 18.
4. Need to be signed up for an American Red Cross Lifeguard class

Local American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Classes: [bappoa.org/classes/category/lifeguarding/](http://bappoa.org/classes/category/lifeguarding/)

\*Certification class needs to be completed BEFORE May 31.

### NOW HIRING: Pool Opener

(Rate: \$9.00/hr)

Prerequisites: You must be at least 16 years old. You must also obtain a Work Permit, if under the age of 18.

Description: Open pools daily by 6:30am and close at 8pm. You would need to unlock/lock gates & bathrooms, flip signs, check the Chlorine/Ph levels, and take off/put on tarps. Someone who is responsible and reliable. The job would start early April and continue through the summer.

**Applications are available in the Clubhouse and Business Office.**

**All Applications DUE: March 25th**

Contact Information: Sarah Larson: CHOA Pool Manager [choapoolfacilities@gmail.com](mailto:choapoolfacilities@gmail.com)

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## WALNUT COUNTRY TENNIS NEWS

### Walnut Country 55+ Mixed Doubles 7.0 tennis team wins USTA N. Calif. Championship!

Our Walnut Country tennis team, captained by resident Dale Crabtree placed 2nd in the Diablo North USTA league, beat the 3rd place Walnut Creek team and then upset the 1st place Clubsport Valley Vista team to win their league playoffs. At the N. Calif. Championships on January 23-25 held at Clubsport they played Carmel Valley Ranch, Los Gatos, Mt. Tam, Bay Trees (Castro Valley), and defeated Sunnyvale 3-0 in the final with 2 of the 3 lines going to 3rd set tie-breakers. Very close and exciting tennis.

Members of team Walnut Country are: Bob Satcher, Dale Crabtree, Lisa Bowers, Rebecca Reiss, Jamie Guzzardo, Gerald Brown, Janet Nielsen, Robert Brunkhorst, Maureen Satcher, Kristine Langenbahn, Lynn Deckert, Rose Madrid and William McCormack.

For the upcoming spring season Walnut Country will be hosting four teams...

Women's Adult Senior 65 and over 3.5 - Captain by Lisa Rounkle 925-825-4883

Women's Adult 4.0 - Captain by Judy Cummins 925-876-1268

Men's Adult 4.0 - Captain by Dave Murray 925-876-5947

Men's Adult 4.5 - Captain by Al Sisneros 925-639-5555

**ALL WALNUT COUNTRY RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO PLAY ON THE USTA TEAMS.**

**CONTACT THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM OR TENNIS PRO THOR SCHRECK at 925-324-0285.**

Thor Schreck

Walnut Country Resident Tennis Pro

# Walnut Country Signal

## SENIORS' POTLUCK

The Irish are coming, the Irish are coming!  
It's the luck for the rest of us that the Irish contingency of the senior potluck group are going to host this month's soiree. Get your Irish on and don't miss this special potluck dinner at the clubhouse on March 11th at 5:30pm. Deadline to get your food assignment from Caroline Jackson is March 4th. Those of you who wish to join the party can call Caroline at 687-7052 to get all the information.



## Walnut Country T-Ball League

Sign up start May 1st  
Season begins June 15th  
Call the clubhouse office for more information  
925-825-0250



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For more information

## Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Faith Missionary Baptist Church Gymnasium  
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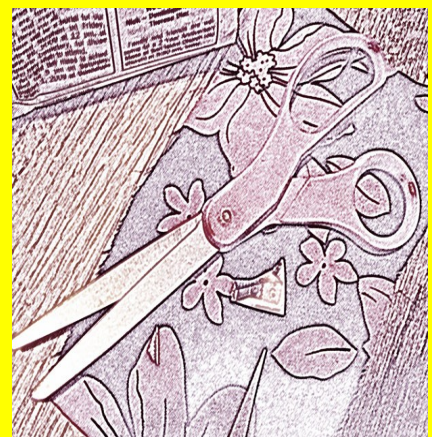
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