

THE CROSSINGS The Signal

May 2017

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WHAT IS SCANNED MAIL?

The Post Office has a new, free program where they will send you an email with scanned pictures of the letter-sized envelopes that will be delivered to you that day. This could prove invaluable if you suspect that mail has been stolen from your mailbox.

Registering for this service is easy. Simply go to this web address: <https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>. And they will take you through the process.

And if you don't want your mail to be stolen in the first place, please consider installing a locking mailbox, as many of your neighbors already have. There are many such mailboxes available on the internet. Let's make the Crossings less of a convenient target for mail thieves.

Walnut Country Garage Sale

May 6th / 8am-1pm

The Crossings Annual Garage Sale sponsored by resident and realtor Nancy Bennett is coming up Saturday, May 6th. The entire community will be awash with hidden treasures. This is your chance to get in on some great deals or empty out the garage. Either way it will be a fun way to spend the day!

Please RSVP to:
jana@bennettbetter.com



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AT THE CLUBHOUSE

3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

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WALNUT COUNTRY WINE TASTING EVENT

The 7th Annual CHOA Sponsored Wine Tasting Event

Is taking place on

Sunday, May 21st from 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Capacity Is Limited To 125 Residents

You Must RSVP For This Event!

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Receivables	2,808
Prepaid Expenses	38,967
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$2,802,180

Current Liabilities & Capital

Liabilities	\$96,912
Reserves	2,303,090
Owner's Equity	329,466
Income	72,712
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$2,802,180

Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over (or under) Budget
Total Revenues	\$370,153	\$391,227	\$(21,074)
Operating Expenses			
Payroll/Benefits/Taxes	\$24,401	\$33,499	\$(9,098)
Management Expenses	46,819	46,461	358
Office Equip/Supplies	7,157	6,825	332
Professional Services	4,167	5,298	(1,131)
Facilities Repair/Maint.	71,690	66,141	5,549
Recreation	3,750	5,997	(2,247)
Utilities	21,843	30,625	(8,782)
Security Expenses	10,175	12,222	(2,047)
Insurance	14,219	16,014	(1,795)
Tax & Licenses	8,909	3,147	5,762
Capital Acquisitions	1,695	10,614	(8,919)
Reserve Expenses	73,890	73,890	0
Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	0
WCST Expenses	8,728	18,516	(9,788)
Total Operating Expense	\$297,443	\$329,249	\$(31,806)
Net Income	\$72,710	\$61,978	\$10,732

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day!

Pat Magee, General Manager

The Crossings Business Office
925- 687-9961
Businessoffice@Walnutcountry.com**President's Corner – May 2017**

It seems that the rainy season is finally winding down and we are grateful as it has helped to reduce one of our biggest expenses – water. What it has also done is help our own yards bounce back from the drought. As a result, we do need to make sure (especially those who may have not attended to their yards) that we start to get them looking good and maintained. Pull those weeds (there's a lot of them out there) and spruce things up so the neighborhood looks good for everyone – especially since the "selling" season is in full force.

We just completed our 2nd Spring Festival with huge success. We added our Safety & Security Fair this year and community groups provided both fun and information. A big THANKS goes to our Activities and Safety/Security Committees who organized and put on a great event for the families and homeowners. Fun and informative activities greeted all. The Board has made a huge budget commitment to community events in 2017.

With that we need you to help us by:

Honor your RSVP when you sign up or please let us know if you won't attend. We continue to have 25% no-shows. It continues to be frustrating that we have such a difficult time finding volunteers to help. Please give minimally of your time.

Our next event will be the Annual Wine Tasting. This is our longest continuous event entering its 7th year! We're looking forward to tasting South American wines on Sunday, May 21st. You can find RSVP information in this edition of the Signal. Sign-up early as space is limited.

Finally, I would like to ask all of you for your help. Our association does not run itself. In addition to those we employ, we have dedicated board members and volunteers – but we don't have enough of them! Walnut Country/The Crossings is a great place to live. We want to make sure it stays that way and need your help to do so. Consider...

Working at one of our community events for a couple of hours.

Bringing your voice/expertise to one of our committees – this only takes a few hours a month.

Becoming a member of our Board of Directors. Our annual election will be coming up. Those on our board always look for "new blood" that can continue our great work.

We would be pleased to have you join us on May 25th for our next regular monthly BOD meeting. Until next month...

Mark Weinmann, President

SPRING FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

For those of you who pitched in and helped with this years Spring Festival... Without you there wouldn't have been a Spring Festival... and without you it wouldn't have been the great success it was. Thank you all for being so kind and generous with your time! Remember: A community is only as good as its residents. We hope to see more of you step up next year! Thank you!

GSG PROTECTIVE SECURITY - (855) 371-5300 - Security for Common Area

SPRING FESTIVAL RECAP

This year's Spring Festival held April 15th saw a crowd of nearly 500 people attend and participate in a variety of fun & educational activities. Approximately 200 children enjoyed the annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as two bounce houses. Snacks, art activities, face painting and balloons all added to a fun filled day. In addition, colorful and animated characters roamed the area to the delight of the children. The activities committee worked hard to ensure another amazing Spring Festival.

This year the Safety & Security Committee joined forces with the Activities committee and included Emergency Services booths to provide great information on how to be prepared for emergency situations. Great information and useful handouts were provided by our local community services. Red Cross, Contra Costa Fire, Concord Police, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Emergency Pet Preparedness, Salvation Army and CARE (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) were on hand to answer all your questions and provide ways to better prepare yourself and home for possible emergencies. The Fire Truck and Police Dog attracted lots of kids, with great photo ops.

Lastly, events like these don't just happen. It takes a lot of volunteers, hard work and preparation to provide a top-notch event. Thank you to the nearly 40 volunteers who assisted throughout the day, we couldn't have done it without you!

Other news...

Recent Police reports indicate we have had some vehicle burglaries in our neighborhood. In many cases, these are crimes of opportunity. Please do not leave any valuables in your car or anything visible, and always lock your car. Concord Police say that criminals are simply looking for the easiest targets and will ransack unlocked vehicles looking for any valuable items. If you see anybody who does not look like they belong in our neighborhood going from vehicle to vehicle, please call Concord Police immediately.

The Safety & Security Committee is now making available crime statistics specific to the Crossing's, as well as all of Concord in the Business Office. Please inquire with our General Manager Pat Magee for further information.

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 the CHOA Manager at 925-687-9961 or email businessoffice@walnutcountry.com.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE (Non Emergency)	925-671-3200
GSG Protective Security	855-371-5300
CHOA Business Office	925-687-9961
Clubhouse Office	925-825-0250
John Muir Hospital Emergency	925-939-5800
CC Emergency Med Services	925-646-4690
CC Water District	925-688-3158
CCC Fire Protection District	925-941-3330
CC Animal Services Dept.	925-335-8300

WALNUT COUNTRY T-BALL

A new season of baseball for 4—6 year old boys & girls is coming to Walnut Country!

Register at the Clubhouse office NOW!

The season starts June 12th

and ends August 2nd.

Play is every Monday & Wednesday

from 5—6pm.

Registration fee is \$85 for WC residents

and \$90 for non-residents.

Registration fee includes a uniform

& end-of-the-season pizza party.

For more information call

925-825-0250

*** COACHES NEEDED ***

Andy Steinberg, Recreation Director

Clubhouse Office

925-825-0250

recdirector@walnutcountry.com

WALNUT COUNTRY BOOK CLUB

For more information about the Walnut Country Book Club go to: info@berkshire-books.com or call the Clubhouse at 925-825-0250.

The following books have been chosen by Book Club members for...

May: "Rogue Lawyer"
by John Grisham

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16th
at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse.

***Feel free to Join us on May 16th.
There is always room for more
book lovers!***

WALNUT COUNTRY PRESCHOOL

As we start winding down the school year, fun lessons and great activities keep rolling in at Walnut Country Preschool. Our 4s and Pre-K classes had a great time visiting the pumpkin farm in Clayton. Our students learned all about spring planting, composting, and critters in our gardens, and the students each planted a sunflower of their own to take home. Our students are now looking forward to our annual Mother's Day brunch, when the children will present a nice program and wonderful gifts for the special women in their lives. We're also starting to plan our annual Ice Cream Social and Raffle. This is a fun event for all of our preschool families. Who doesn't love ice cream with friends?

**VIEW FROM THE CLUBHOUSE**

We hope all of you nearly 500 guests that attended the Spring Festival last month enjoyed yourselves as much as we did putting it on for you. Donna Glover and Barry Collins did a magnificent job organizing this ever-growing annual event. The kids were so adorable hunting those elusive eggs. Hopefully, you were able to capture the perfect picture of your would be egg gatherer. These are the moments in life that really count.

Next up? The 7th Annual Wine Tasting event. This event is guaranteed to bring out the community in droves, so don't forget to RSVP! With limited space in the clubhouse (to 125) only those who have an RSVP are going to be allowed entry. Remember: the early bird gets the wine. And please don't whine if you waited too long to RSVP.

It was with deep regret that we had to cancel the Spring Soccer league this year. Maybe it was the everlasting rain that got you to procrastinate. Coming up in June will be another opportunity to sign your kid up for a fun activity... the Walnut Country T-Ball season begins June 12th. Don't miss out. This promises to be a fun season!

До встречи ("Until Next Time" in Russian)

Andy Steinberg,
Clubhouse Supervisor



**PS: EAST & WEST POOLS
WILL BE OPEN MAY 27**



*** WE'RE IMPRESSED ***

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Great job everyone and thank you for helping make the Crossings a really cool place to live!

Recreation, Preschool & Communications News

[WALNUT COUNTRY PRESCHOOL](#)

It's not too late to enroll in Walnut Country Preschool. If you or someone you know is looking for a great learning environment for their child, please come see what we are all about. Schedule a visit anytime by calling our director at 925-798-9686, or by email at wcpreschool@astound.net.

[WALNUT COUNTRY T-BALL LEAGUE](#)

School is ending shortly and time to start thinking about what to do with the kids for the summer. Well, here is the perfect solution... **PLAY BALL!**

This year we have the start date juuuuusst right! The day the swim team changes their practice to the mornings we are going to begin playing T-Ball in the afternoon. That means on June 12th your kids will be able to swim and play baseball on the same day. What better way to keep your children fit and out of trouble, not to mention keeping you from having to entertain them all day, than having them participate in a sporting activity?

In the meantime, mark May 8th on your calendars as the first day to sign-up & June 12th as the first day of play. Also, on June 5th at 6pm there will be a parent/coach meeting held in the clubhouse to go over all the particulars. Cost is \$85 for residents and \$90 for non-residents. A uniform and end-of-season pizza party is included in the registration fee. So, we hope to see you and your kids real soon.

[WALNUT COUNTRY SWIM TEAM NEWS](#)

Dinner, Poker Tournament, Dancing & Silent Auction

Host: Walnut Country Swim Team

Saturday June 3, 2017

6pm – 11pm Walnut Country Clubhouse



You can buy tickets at <https://wcstcasinonight2017.eventbrite.com>

Be sure to mark if you want to participate in the poker tournament – limited seating available

[FIND YOUR CHOA FORMS WITH EASE](#)

In addition to reading the latest community news, reviewing Board meeting minutes, and looking up community events on our website, did you know that you can also find a suite of applications and forms? Available from your internet device, our Applications and Forms webpage offers the following:

- Architecture Application
- Architecture Dispute Form
- Board Member Nomination Form
- Clubhouse Rental Agreement and Application
- Committee Application Form
- Dues Withdrawal Form
- Electronic Consent Form
- Employment Application
- Lifeguard Application
- Rent Out Your Home Form

You may access these forms from the top of any page in the green menu bar, by clicking on "Applications/Forms"

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SENIORS' POTLUCK DINNER

NO TIME TO SIESTA BRING ON THE FIESTA!

Come and celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" with the Seniors' Potluck Group on Wednesday, May 10th in the Walnut Country Clubhouse at 5:30 sharp. If you would like to come as a first-time guest, please call Ken Cellini, Chairman, (925-798-7839) to reserve your seating and get a food assignment by May 3rd.

Next Potluck: We'll be taking a break over the summer, so there will NOT be any dinners in June, July & August. We'll resume again on Wednesday, Sept 13th.



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Conditions apply including:

- Serving alcohol requires hiring and paying for a security officer.
- Certificate of Insurance (COI) is required.
- If you book a party you **MUST** be present during the entire party.
- The resident who books the party is responsible for what takes place during the entire event.

To reserve a date you must put down a \$500 security/cleaning deposit.

All fees and paperwork are due at least two weeks prior to your event.

To reserve the Clubhouse, or for inquiries concerning renting the clubhouse, please call: **925- 825-0250.**

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