

The Signal

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SOCCER LEAGUE NEWS
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MOVIE NIGHT Jan. 9 at 6:30pm
"PLANES: FIRE & RESCUE"

TOASTMASTER CLUB
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HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST WINNERS (Prizes)

1st Place: Roger Jackson - 4487 Leatherwood Court (\$100)

2nd Place: Lorne & Lori Thompson - 4421 Corkwood Ct. (\$75)

3rd Place: Tie Between...

Rick Sandy - 4476 Leatherwood Court (\$25)

Debbi & Kurt Schneider - 4497 Sheepberry Court (\$25)

Honorable Mention:

4397 N. Willow Glen Court &

1310 Rising Dawn Lane

Best Court: Lower Winterberry Court

The participating houses on Winterberry Ct are:

4415, 4419, 4420, 4421, 4422, 4423, 4424, 4426

(1 Crossings polo shirt per household)

Congratulations To All & Thank you For Participating!

2015 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Okay all you football fans...This is the party you've been waiting for. Sunday, February 1, 2015 at 2pm we are going to throw a super duper Super Bowl party for you and your friends and neighbors. CHOA will supply the food and non-alcoholic beverages. All you need to do is show up with your favorite beverage. Simple as that.

Now, here's the catch: for the party to go on we would like to see a minimum of 20 people. THIS IS AN RSVP CHOA EVENT so please call the clubhouse office (825-0250) to make your reservation.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Come on down to the clubhouse on Saturday, February 21st and help us celebrate the Year of the Sheep. Bring a dish to share and partake in the fun of this special holiday. You may RSVP to jjjwang28@yahoo.com, or recdirector@walnutcountry.com. The deadline to make your reservation is February 15th.

THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We are still short one committee member. If you have any interest in giving something back to the community please attend the next meeting taking place on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:30pm in the Business Office.

Special Dates

Jan 1	Clubhouse & Business Office Closed
Jan 7	Landscape Comm. Meeting 7pm Business Office
Jan 9	MOVIE NIGHT 6:30pm Clubhouse
Jan 14	Senior Potluck Dinner 5:30pm Clubhouse
Jan 20	Book Club Meeting 6:30pm Clubhouse
Jan 22	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm Business Office
Jan 28	Architectural Comm. Meet 6:30pm Business Office

Treasurer's Report (Year To Date)

BALANCE SHEET as of November 30, 2014

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Cash Reserve Acct.	2,250,061
Receivables	23,805
Prepaid Expenses	6,619
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$2,502,188

Current Liabilities & Capital

Liabilities	\$102,616
Reserves	2,210,282
Owner's Equity	141,765
Income	47,525
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$2,502,188

Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over or (under) Budget
Total Revenues	\$1,209,074	\$1,182,005	\$27,069
Operating Expenses			
Payroll/Benefits/Taxes	\$106,038	\$120,773	\$(14,735)
Management Expenses	130,697	131,472	(775)
Office Equip/Supplies	23,748	32,065	(8,317)
Professional Services	7,720	29,909	(22,189)
Facilities Repair/Maint.	257,433	257,213	220
Recreation	5,206	7,139	(1,933)
Utilities	180,082	172,132	7,950
Security Expenses	42,365	40,117	2,248
Insurance	40,543	36,487	4,056
Tax & Licenses	12,648	6,611	6,037
Reserve Expenses	353,154	339,999	13,155
Miscellaneous Expense	1,916	10,087	(8,171)
Total Operating Expense	\$1,161,550	1,184,004	\$(22,454)
Net Income	\$47,524	\$(1,999)	\$49,523



Pat Magee: General Manager

The Crossings Business Office

925- 687-9961

Businessoffice@Walnutcountry.com

President's Corner – January, 2015

As we prepare to end 2014 and enter the new year, we can take pause over the many accomplishments and activities of a successful year in Walnut Country – The Crossings.

After a year of well-attended and fun activities including our Wine Tasting, Picnic and Oktoberfest, we closed out with our last community event of the year - our **Crossings Winter Holiday Celebration**. We truly appreciate the work of our Crossings Activities Team and Clubhouse staff in adding and hosting the events this year. Check out the insert in this edition of the Signal to see the **calendar of events for 2015**. Coming up first will be our **Super Bowl Party** on February 1st (this year we'll make it happen) followed by our **Lunar/Chinese New Year Pot Luck** on February 21st.

We also continued to manage and improve our property with our committees and projects including:

- Meeting our budget and ending the year with a small surplus and forging our 2015 budget to keep our monthly dues level at \$95/month.

- Our Landscape committee which has matured and taken on oversight of our great landscaping asset and brought to fruition a redesign of our East Entrance to make it more attractive and appealing

- Our Architectural Committee which has developed and documented processes, increased training and continues to work towards an update of our rules and guidelines

- Facility improvements including:

 - Replacement of our tennis court fences

 - Upgrading of our West and East pool cabanas

After undergoing an on-site manager transition, our new General Manager, Pat Magee, started with us on December 15th and is quickly getting up to speed to assist us with starting the new year off on a track to improve our business. With our new manager on board, the Board of Directors will continue our discussion on the goals for the new year towards determining next steps and priorities. As a reminder, these are:

- A large slate of potential reserve projects to assess and manage

- Continuing with our Landscape and Architectural Committee's work

- Reviewing our communications including our website & newsletter towards increasing their effectiveness in delivering news and information

- Continuing our sponsorship of community events

- Reviewing our operations as an association and as a Board

We'll keep you abreast of our activities and invite you to join us a few times this year for one of the monthly Board of Directors' meetings. It's a great way to stay informed and involved. On that note, please join us on January 22nd for our next regular monthly BOD meeting.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Until next month...

Mark Weinmann, President

(855) 371-5300 Security for Common Area

GSG Proactive Security



11-24-14 (2030 Hrs)

The security officer received a call concerning a Black SUV parked in front of their house. The officer arrived on site and began to patrol around the neighborhood. The officer checked the entire area and saw no sign of the vehicle in question.

11-25-14 (1540 hrs)

The security officer received a service call from a resident stating that juveniles were in the greenbelt area playing with BB guns. The officer observed two juveniles running from the Smoke Tree Court area. One kid was carrying a plastic shotgun that resembled a BB gun. The officer informed the boy that he should take the BB gun inside immediately since someone may mistake it for a real gun and possibly cause him harm. The boy complied without further incident.

11-29-14 (2011 hrs)

Security officer on duty received a service call about 3 kids around the ages of 12 and 14. The kids were doorbell ditching. The officer patrolled the common areas and no sign of the kids were found.

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

FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Please join us for the First Annual Chili Cook-Off on January 25th from 3-6 pm at the Walnut Country Clubhouse.

This swim team fundraiser is open to friends and family of the Crossings and the Walnut Country Swim Team.

Chili cooks have a chance to win prizes and yearly bragging rights.

\$10/Adult and \$5/Child (pizza or chili) for unlimited chili samples and cornbread. Drink Tickets available for purchase.

Please email WCSTChili@gmail.com to for additional information including the event evite to RSVP.

Hope to see you there!



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE (Non Emergency)	925-671-3200
GSG Proactive 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

The read for January is "My Beloved World" by Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor. February's book is, "Three Men in a Boat" by Jerome K. Jerome. For those of you who are prolific readers and wish to read ahead, March's book is, "Relic" by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child and April's is, "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. And a word of appreciation goes to Lynn Kuehl, owner of Berkshire Books, whose love of the written word and the physical book itself (as opposed to the electronic versions) is an inspiration to us all. For more information about the book club you can go to: info@berkshire-books.com or call the Clubhouse at 825-0250.

SOCCKER LEAGUE NEWS

The 2015 spring Soccer League is now accepting players !

To get the league under way we are looking for a minimum of 10 players aged 5-7 years old. We anticipate the league to start in mid-March and go for 7-8 weeks. The teams will meet twice per week. One day will be dedicated to practicing techniques, developing teamwork and sportsmanship. The second day will be reserved for games. Once we get the desired amount of players the coaches will announce the substantive information such as the kickoff meeting, scheduling, and a plan stating what techniques will be worked on and when. This is going to be fun for the kids so reserve your spot now by calling 825-0250.



View From The Clubhouse

Welcome to 2015! As the new year begins so does a new round of special CHOA events. The Activities Committee and the Clubhouse staff are excited about this year's festivities. The events we put on are for you, your friends and your families. It is wonderful that we get many repeat participants. This year we would love to see some new faces as well. Think of The Crossings as one big family... even the family member who nobody hears from all year long will show up once in awhile.

Now on to other matters... There is an unsung, valuable employee that has been working at The Crossings for a long time and I'd like to throw a big thank you out to him... Bill Allen has performed the custodial job for the clubhouse and preschool with the utmost professionalism for 30 years now. He's a wonderful gentleman. It is high time Bill gets recognition for the great job he does for all of us. THANK YOU, BILL!

Last, but not least... It is a great pleasure to welcome Pat Magee as the new Walnut Country Property Manager. Pat brings strong experience and is quickly learning his way around The Crossings. If you are in the neighborhood please stop by the Business Office and introduce yourself. That's All Folks!

'Til next month...

Andy Steinberg
Clubhouse Supervisor



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WALNUT COUNTRY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

It may be the middle of winter, but it's already time to think about registration for the 2015-2016 school year. We encourage you to register early as space is limited and classes fill up quickly! Please mark your calendars to join us for our **OPEN HOUSE** on **Monday, January 12th from 7-8pm**. We invite all prospective students, their families and friends to visit our classrooms and meet our teachers. Currently enrolled students, alumni and their families are always welcome!!

January 20-23	Currently enrolled families may register students and siblings
January 26-30	Priority registration for CHOA residents and their families & Alumni families
February 2	Registration opens to all

You may register at the preschool from 8:30-1:00 Monday - Thursday, and 8:30-10:30 on Fridays.

Walnut Country Preschool offers the following classes:

3 year olds	Tues/Thurs	8:30-11:00	\$230/month
4 year olds	Mon/Wed/Fri	8:30-11:00	\$280/month
Pre. K	Mon-Thurs	11:30- 2:00	\$330/month

Additional fees include:

A non-refundable registration fee per family of \$125.00 due at registration.

A deposit equal to ½ month tuition due by June 1, 2015 to hold your child's spot. This money will be applied to the June 2016 tuition, and is refundable if you move before that time and give a 30 days notice.

A birth certificate and updated immunization record is required at the time of registration, along with the registration fee. Preschool handbooks and required State Licensing forms for your child's file will be available to take home once your child is registered.

You may also schedule a preschool visit for your child by calling our director, Caryn Borba at 925-798-9686 or sending an email to wcpreschool@astound.net. For more information about the Preschool including philosophy, goals and curriculum, please visit our website at www.walnutcountrypreschool.com

A NOTE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOR

This is a note to parents of small children in our community. Recently I was backing my car out of the driveway when I saw the image of a child run behind my car to the green belt. I immediately stopped to see where she had come from and to be sure there was no one else near my car. About 4 houses down from my house were two ladies with strollers, talking and walking towards the green belt. The mother of the child said "sorry". I had come about two feet from hitting and possibly killing her daughter. I yelled to the girl and said "Please don't runaway from your mother". I think I probably scared the little girl. I hope so. Maybe next time she won't run away from her mother. Parents, there is no conversation that is worth the life of a child. Had I hit this precious little girl I would have been devastated. I am a teacher and have children in my home almost daily. Children do not realize they can't always be seen. We as adults need to teach our children what is safe and acceptable behavior. This is our responsibility to our children.

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SENIORS' POTLUCK

It's a new year! And what better time to try out a new recipe than right now? Be brave! Be daring!! Let it all hang out in 2015!!! Deadline to get your food assignment from Caroline Jackson is January 7th. Those of you who wish to join the party can call Caroline at 687-7052 to get the lowdown. See you all January 14th at 5:30 in your very own Clubhouse.



Do you want to confront your fear of public speaking? Conduct better presentations or job interviews?

Why not make it your New Year's Resolution to join the Toastmaster club. The HOA is making it easier for you by inviting a local word weaver club to conduct a onetime only open house demo meeting at our clubhouse on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM. It is free to all residents. Come and find out whether Toastmaster is for you.

Please PSVP by e-mail:
contact-400@toastmastersclubs.org
Or Call Jie Wang 415.606.8025



THOUGHTS TO LIVE BY

I don't believe in the after life,
although I am bringing a change of
underwear.

Woody Allen

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