

THE CROSSINGS The Signal

JUNE, 2015

Association Web Page
www.walnutcountry.com

SUMMER CLUBHOUSE HOURS
M—SAT 12—9pm, Sun 12—6pm

MOVIE NIGHT June 12 @ 6:30
"LION KING"

Swimming Lessons
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BOARD CANDIDATES

There are four seats on the Board of Directors up for election in September. That seems far from now, but it isn't.

The ballots are mailed out in August. To include your name on the ballot, you must announce your candidacy no later than July 14th.

If you would like to run for the Board, please contact the business office either by telephone at 687-9961 or by emailing businessoffice@walnutcountry.com

There is a form to complete that includes your statement to the membership regarding your candidacy.

Serving on the board is a commitment of approximately 7 to 8 hours per month. A lot of pertinent information will be sent to you by email. Before each meeting you will receive a packet of information to read relating to the agenda. It is the Board of Directors that decides the amount of your monthly assessment. Isn't that a decision you would like to make?

Only members in good standing are eligible to serve: your assessment account must be current and there can be no open architectural violations. These are volunteer positions with no remuneration of any kind. No special training or knowledge required; just a desire to keep The Crossings the best place to live in Concord.

~There are 2 new Committees ~ **Communications & Rule Book Update**

The Communications Committee will look at all the ways the Association communicates to Homeowners - email, Signal, website, mail, entrance kiosks, Clubhouse, etc. and work to coordinate them all so that the messages are consistent, helpful and informative.

The Rule Book Update Committee will review the current Rules and present their recommendations for revisions to the Board for approval.

Both Committees are headed up by Board members and they are in need of volunteers. This is your chance to positively influence the Rules of the Association and how and what we communicate to all members. Con't.

If you would like to serve on either Committee, please contact CHOA Manager, Pat Magee, at 925.687.9961 or email at businessoffice@walnutcountry.com.

Walnut Country T-Ball

Season begins June 16th
There's still time to sign up!

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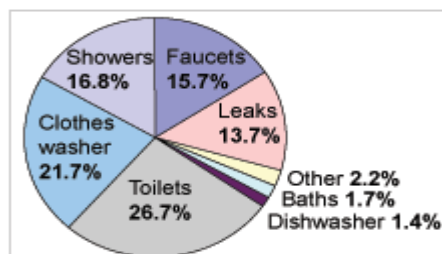
The \$80 resident entry fee includes:
MLB team logo shirt & hat and end of season party/award ceremony

Non-resident fee is \$85

Call the clubhouse office
for more information!
925-825-0250



Where Does Our Water Go?



Special Dates

June 3	Landscape Committee Meeting 7pm	Business Office
June 6	WCST Home Swim Meet	Main Pool
June 6	WCST Poker Night 6:00pm	Clubhouse
June 12	MOVIE NIGHT 6:30pm	Clubhouse
June 16	Book Club Meeting 6:30pm	Clubhouse
June 17	Senior Potluck 5:30pm	Clubhouse
June 24	Architectural Committee 6:30pm	Business Office
June 25	Board of Directors Meeting 7pm	Business Office
June 27	WCST Home Swim Meet 8:30am	Main Pool

Treasurer's Report (Year To Date)

BALANCE SHEET as of April 30, 2015

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Current Assets

Cash Operating Acct.	\$332,786
Cash Reserve Acct.	2,368,570
Receivables	13,918
Prepaid Expenses	28,330
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$2,743,604</u>

Current Liabilities & Capital

Liabilities	\$178,638
Reserves	2,324,180
Owner's Equity	185,478
Income	55,308
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	<u>\$2,743,604</u>

Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over or (under) Budget
Total Revenues	\$427,225	425,284	1,941
Operating Expenses			
Payroll/Benefits/Taxes	\$25,645	43,400	\$(17,755)
Management Expenses	63,861	48,980	14,881
Office Equip/Supplies	6,930	8,992	(2,062)
Professional Services	6,489	9,208	(2,719)
Facilities Repair/Maint.	91,556	104,864	(13,308)
Recreation	7,187	5,264	1,923
Utilities	32,181	38,216	(6,035)
Security Expenses	13,224	18,558	(5,364)
Insurance	15,062	16,216	(1,154)
Tax & Licenses	10,872	4,316	6,556
Reserve Expenses	98,444	98,444	
Miscellaneous Expense	465	2,000	(1,535)
Total Operating Expense	\$371,916	398,488	\$(26,572)
Net Income	\$55,309	\$26,796	\$28,513

Pat Magee: General Manager

The Crossings Business Office

925- 687-9961

Businessoffice@Walnutcountry.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER – June, 2015

As we begin the summer season in the Crossings, many of you and your neighbors will be headed out for a well-deserved vacation. With reports in the news of burglaries, it's more important than ever for us as neighbors to keep an eye out in the neighborhood during this season. If you spot trouble or suspect something may be wrong and it's happening on the greenbelt areas during the evening, please contact our security partner, Proactive. If it's illegal activity anywhere, please contact the Concord Police. Let's keep our community safe for everyone.

After the success of our recent Annual Wine Tasting and our Cinco de Mayo Potluck, our next event Fall/Back to School BBQ Celebration is approaching on Saturday, September 12th. The Activities Team will soon begin planning for the event. Details will be coming your way in August.

At our last Board of Directors meeting in May, we appointed a new member to fill the vacated position. I'm pleased to introduce **Rich Ellenson** as the newest member. He is new to the Crossings and has a young family. He brings prior HOA board experience and is fast becoming involved in working with communications for the HOA. Also at the meeting, we discussed some new priorities we'll begin addressing and could use your assistance with. First, we will be establishing a new "Communications" committee. Our new board member, who has a background in this, will be heading it up. We are looking to improve and make communications more consistent and available in different ways. Next, we will be establishing a committee to review and update our HOA rules and guidelines document. We are in need of this as the last version is 10 years old. For both of these committees, we are seeking interested members of the community to join and become involved. Please contact Pat in the Business Office if you'd like to help.

Also remember, we're looking for candidates for the Board. We have directors whose terms will be up this year. We are always looking for help and new blood. I encourage all who are interested to consider joining the Board in helping to run our association. Please get in your application to the Business Office by July 15th.

Please join us on June 25th for our next regular monthly BOD meeting. Until next month...

Mark Weinmann, President

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Do you want better communications throughout Walnut Country?

Do you have ideas for new "Signal" designs and content?

Do you want to change the look and feel of our community's website?

Then consider joining the new CHOA Communications Committee! We're looking for volunteers to discuss, design, and improve how community news reaches all 1,062 homes in The Crossings. The committee's first meeting will be in mid-June on a date determined by committee member schedules. If interested, please email Rich Ellenson at RichEllenson@yahoo.com.

(855) 371-5300 Security for Common Area

GSG Protective Security



Nothing new to report on the greenbelt -
An excellent way to begin our summer!

BUT...

CAR BREAK-INS

There have been 3 reported car break-ins of late in the Crossings.

Tips to protect your property

- Lock the doors every time you get out of your car
- Conceal all the evidence. Trunk is the best place
- Get an alarm
- Park for visibility
- Completely close windows and sunroofs
- Put away electronics and the GPS, don't forget the cords and mounts

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

POLICE (Non Emergency)	925-671-3200
GSG Protective Security	1-855-371-5300
CHOA Business Office	925-687-9961
Clubhouse Office	925-825-0250

HOME SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places – burglars know where to look for hidden keys.
- Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home – this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters. Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.
- Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.
- Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Mark your valuables with your driver's license number with an engraver you can borrow from your precinct. Marked items are harder for a burglar to dispose of and easier for police to recover.
- Form a Neighborhood Watch Group. The police can help you work with your neighbors to improve security and reduce risk of burglary.



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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 687-9961 or e-mail: businessoffice@walnutcountry.com

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

For more information about the WC Book Club you can go to: info@berkshire-books.com or call the Clubhouse at 825-0250.

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

June: "The Martian" by Andy Weir.

July: The Man In The High Castle" by Philip K. Dick.

August: "I Am Pilgrim" by Terry Hayes.

Sept: "Devil In The White City" by Erik Larson.

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th at 6:30pm. July's meeting date is Tuesday, July 14th at 6:30pm

**View From The Clubhouse**

Summer is here and the living is easy... and here's a few reminders how to make it even easier: Carry your CHOA I.D. badge with you at all times, sign in with the lifeguard when entering the pool area, use sunscreen, keep an eye on the kids, follow CHOA rules and policies, use your clubhouse, make sure you have enough guest badges for your friends and family, drink plenty of fluids, report anything that looks suspicious to clubhouse personnel, the property manager, or our security service. All of their contact numbers can be found in this publication.

Thank you and have a most wonderful and safe summer!

Now on to other matters... CHOA's next BIG event comes up on September 12th... It's the Fall/Back To School BBQ. This particular event requires a lot of volunteers and a lot of coordination. If there are any of you who would like to step up to the plate and help out PLEASE come see me in the clubhouse office. This is not a commitment for any other event that the association sponsors, just the BBQ. We'll even give you an extra hot dog for being so generous with your time!

A la prochaine... ("until next time" in French)

Andy Steinberg
Clubhouse Supervisor

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Walnut Country Recreation News

WALNUT COUNTRY PRESCHOOL

As we start winding down the school year, fun lessons and great activities keep rolling in at Walnut Country Preschool. Our 4's and Pre-K had a great time after Spring Break visiting the pumpkin farm in Clayton. Our students learned all about spring planting, composting, and critters in our garden, especially earthworms. The students each planted a sunflower of their own to take home. Our Mother's Day brunch was fun and fabulous as always. The children had a nice program and wonderful gifts for the special women in their lives. Our families had a wonderful time at our annual Ice Cream Social and Raffle. This was a fun event for all of our preschool families and who doesn't love ice cream with friends! 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, Caryn Borba at 925-798-9686, or by email at wcpreschool@astound.net.

WALNUT COUNTRY TENNIS NEWS

Summer time tennis is here! Walnut Country will be hosting three USTA teams this summer. Lynn Deckert will captain a women's 55 & over 7.0 team / Judy Cummins will captain an adult Mixed 8.0 team. / Dale Crabtree will captain an adult 55 & over Men's 7.0 team
If interested in joining a Walnut Country USTA league team or lessons – Call TENNIS PRO THOR SCHRECK AT 925-324-0285.
JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS WILL BE STARTING IN JUNE – SEE FLYER INSERT.

WALNUT COUNTRY SWIM TEAM NEWS

On June 15th the WCST practice schedule changes to Monday through Friday
from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

HOME MEET SCHEDULE for 2015

Saturdays - 9am start
June 6th, 13th, 27th, July 18th, 25th
Wednesday's - 5pm start
June 10th, July 8th, 29th

"THE CROSSINGS CHALLENGE"

Saturday, July 25, 2015
7:00 am to 9:00 pm

Reminder for Crossing's residents: the Crossings Challenge is our annual invitational meet during which several hundred swimmers from 10 local teams converge on the greenbelt below the pool for an all day event. Parking and traffic in the immediate pool area will be impacted. Please feel free to come by the pool and cheer on our kids, check out the vendors, or stop by the Stingray Cafe. More details can be found at www.wcstingrays.com

WCST IS PROUD TO PRESENT

Walnut Country Swim Team Casino Night and Silent Auction June 6th at 6pm in the Clubhouse.
\$50 includes entry into the Poker Tournament, Silent Auction and Dinner.
Roulette/Blackjack available for Non-Poker Players.
Email WCSTCasinoNight@gmail.com for ticket purchase.



SWIM LESSON SIGN-UPS

Time to sign up for swim lessons!! Cost is \$85 for 5 individual 30 minute lessons. Lessons are given by Zach, our certified instructor, at the West pool. First-time swimmers are taught the basics/water safety. Swimmers with experience will be shown how to improve their technique. Don't procrastinate, slots fill up quickly!



Walnut Country Signal

* SENIORS' POTLUCK DINNER *

One more for the road! Last potluck before summer comes along... **June 17th** at 5:30pm in the clubhouse. Call the always dependable Caroline Jackson for your food assignment and other particulars by June 3rd.

After this potluck the next one will be coming along on September 9th at 5:30pm in the clubhouse. Deadline to get your food assignment from Caroline Jackson will be September 2nd. Those of you who wish to join this fun group of seniors can call Caroline at 687-7052 to get all the information you'll ever need.



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- Serving alcohol requires paying for security AND a one day "Host Liquor Liability" certificate.
- Proof of homeowners insurance required.
- Refundable cleaning deposit of \$500.
- Homeowner must attend entire event.

To reserve a date your \$500 cleaning deposit check must have been received. Dates cannot be reserved without your deposit. All fees and paperwork are due two weeks prior to event.

DATES ARE RESERVED ON A "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" BASIS.

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

POOL ANNOUNCEMENT

~ East & West Pool Hours ~
7am to 8 pm

~ Main Pool Hours ~
Starting June 15th
Mon - Fri Noon - 9 pm
Sat & Sun 7 am - 9 pm

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