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ASSESSMENT INCREASE REMINDER

We're sure you know that the monthly assessment went up \$2, to \$97 January 1. What you may not know is that if you have set it up with your bank to automatically send your payment to Union Bank every month (autopay), you will need to tell your bank to increase the amount - it is not automatic. And be sure to add another \$2 for each month since January to catch up. However, if you set it up through Collins Management to have Union Bank automatically take the payment from your bank account every month (ACH), you need to do nothing more - the change was made for you. If you need an Automated Clearing House form, please contact the Business Office or Collins Management.

CALL IF YOU GET BEHIND IN PAYING YOUR CHOA DUES

If you get behind on your monthly assessments, please call the Business Office at 925.687.9961 as soon as possible. Once your account is six months behind, it is sent to Collections, which then adds collection fees to the amount owed. Payment plans can be arranged, but you do need to call.



SPRING FESTIVAL & SAFETY FAIR April 15th: 10am - 2pm

Spring is almost upon us and that means it's time for the Annual Spring Festival. This year not only are there going to be oodles of eggs to hunt down and all your favorite cartoon characters, but we also have two bouncy houses, a balloon twister, face painting, crafts, jelly bean contest, munchies and a noon hot dog lunch. In addition, the Safety and Security Committee has partnered with the Red Cross, CERT, Emergency Pet Preparedness, Ham Radio Operations (CARE), Volunteers Police Services (VIP), Salvation Army (SATURN), Concord K-9 police, and the Contra Costa Fire Department to provide residents with lots of community information. Residents are allowed to bring guests, however the total amount allowed per household is six people. By the way, there is No Charge for this event! BUT you must RSVP by Saturday, April 8th via the following online reservation link: <http://evite.me/wKVg4TxB5C>

* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *

We really need your help in order to make these events a success. Please consider volunteering an hour of your time via the following Sign-Up Genius Link:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C45A8A623A0FD0-2017

So, bring those baskets, bring those kids, and let's have a grand old time. What better way to spend a few hours on a beautiful day?

WALNUT COUNTRY WINE TASTING

Coming Soon To A Clubhouse Near You!

The 7th Annual CHOA Sponsored Wine Tasting Event

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

Stay Tuned For RSVP Information

Capacity Is Limited To 125 Residents



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Current Assets

Cash Operating Acct.	\$434,934
Cash Reserve Acct.	2,314,150
Receivables	6,789
Prepaid Expenses	43,510
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$2,799,383</u>

Current Liabilities & Capital

Liabilities	\$89,889
Reserves	2,309,679
Owner's Equity	329,465
Income	70,350
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	<u>\$2,799,383</u>

Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Over (or under) Budget</u>
Total Revenues	\$242,654	\$255,420	\$(12,766)
Operating Expenses			
Payroll/Benefits/Taxes	\$16,621	\$22,166	\$(5,545)
Management Expenses	32,331	30,974	1,357
Office Equip/Supplies	5,345	4,550	795
Professional Services	2,652	3,532	(880)
Facilities Repair/Maint.	30,732	44,094	(13,362)
Recreation	2,447	3,998	(1,551)
Utilities	13,027	31,584	(18,557)
Security Expenses	7,151	8,148	(997)
Insurance	9,558	10,676	(1,118)
Tax & Licenses	2,879	2,098	781
Capital Acquisitions	662	7,076	(6,414)
Reserve Expenses	49,260	49,260	0
Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	0
WCST Expenses	(364)	5,083	(5,447)
Total Operating Expense	\$172,301	\$223,239	\$50,938
 Net Income	 \$70,353	 \$32,181	 \$38,172



Pat Magee, General Manager

The Crossings Business Office
925- 687-9961
Businessoffice@Walnutcountry.com

President's Corner – April 2017

The sun is finally coming out and our association couldn't look much greener. I'm still fortunate to be able to get out and walk our great facilities and greenbelt that only continue to improve. I recently took my two granddaughters to the main playground where we played under the new sun shades and I'm happy to see folks stopping by our new information kiosks by our East and West Pools and the main playground.

We have big plans for upcoming events with our second annual Spring Festival where families can enjoy our egg hunt, costumed characters and games. Additionally, a valuable new companion event, our first Safety & Security Fair, will take place immediately after. This new event will bring out local police, first responders and community groups to highlight safety & security topics for the benefit of all our homeowners. See the details in the edition of the Signal. Both of these events will take place on Saturday, April 15th. Coming next will be our annual Crossings Annual Wine Tasting on Sunday, May 21st. We hope to see you at both of these great events.

After our last year of major projects, this year will be somewhat less active, but still working to improve the association. At our March meeting, the Board approved the next section of irrigation upgrades for the central area of the greenbelt. This continuing effort has already paid huge dividends in water savings and is keeping the water on the landscape instead of the walkways. Other projects which will soon be considered are the renovation of the lower greenbelt backboard and upgraded security for our pools and tennis courts.

A couple of important items to note. On my walks around the greenbelt, I'm alarmed by the number of dogs I see off leash. Please keep your dogs on a leash at all times on the greenbelt. This is for everyone's safety and enjoyment. You are welcome to take your dog off leash at our Dog Park. Also, I've noticed a number of house's yards that have a lot of weeds from the recent rains. As a reminder, we need to keep our community looking great and need you to do so with your own yard. Please get out there and get those weeds cut down – our Architectural Committee will be focusing on this in the coming weeks.

I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Spring Festival on April 15th. We would be pleased to have you join us on April 27th for our next regular monthly BOD meeting. Until next month...

Mark Weinmann, President

TO BETTER SERVE YOU

On Saturday, March 18, members of your Board of Directors travelled to Berkeley to attend a seminar and trade show for Board members put on by Collins Management. They heard expert speakers covering topics such as financials, insurance, contracts, project management and legal issues. They also had the opportunity to meet with various insurance agents, painters, contractors, lawyers, collection agencies, accountants and more. As your General Manager, I want to thank the Board for using precious weekend time to further their education in service to you, their neighbors.

Pat Magee: General Manager

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

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the many benefits of living in Concord is the services available to residents. Concord Police provide a Vacation House Check program free of charge. Trained volunteers will perform a thorough inspection of your property while you are away. The house check includes: a perimeter check, physical and/or physical check of all doors and windows, and verification of any people found on the property. You can enroll for this service on line by completing the Vacation House Check form and submitting it to the Concord Police Department. A copy of the request form is also available in the Walnut Country Business office.

Improvements – Recent upgrades were made to the sidewalk at the end of Spoonwood Court. The City of Concord upgraded the corners with new curb cut ramps allowing for easier transition up and down the sidewalk. While it is just one small improvement, the Safety & Security Committee is committed to working with the City of Concord to continue upgrading our neighborhood.

Safety & Security Committee

WALNUT COUNTRY SOCCER

A beginning soccer league for 5—7 year old boys & girls is coming to Walnut Country!

Register at the Clubhouse office NOW!

The season starts April 11th
and ends May 30th.

Play is every Tuesday & Thursday

from 5—6pm

Registration fee is \$85 which includes a uniform & pizza/trophy party

For more information call

925-825-0250



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

OUR BEAUTIFUL DOG PARK

We are fortunate to have one of the nicest dog parks in the Bay area - a place for dogs to run free and play and socialize with other dogs. In order for this to work, however, the dogs that use the park must be socialized with other dogs. There have been occasions where an aggressive dog has attacked a smaller, meeker one. If your dog cannot get along with other dogs, DO NOT bring it into the park. Countless other dogs and their human servants thank you!



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...

April: "The Terror Years"
by Lawrence Wright

May: "Rogue Lawyer"
by John Grisham



Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18th
at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse.

GAME NIGHT @ THE CROSSINGS

What do you think about having a
game night here in the clubhouse?

We just received a
generous donation of games that
can be played by adults
and children alike -

Taboo, Outburst, Song Burst,
Scattergories Junior

Call 925-825-0250
and let us know what you think

If you leave a phone message don't
forget to leave us a contact number
so we can get back to you



VIEW FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

With winter almost at its end and spring nearly upon us we are expecting life to get busy down here in the clubhouse. If you need an I.D. badge or keys for the pool, dog park or tennis courts now is the time.

If you haven't noticed the announcement directly to the left about game night then take a gander now. We would love to see a bunch of adults and kids down here playing board games and enjoying themselves. This is a non-competitive, non-sponsored evening of getting to know your neighbors and having fun. You can use our games or bring your own. Spring is here... time to get reacquainted with your neighbors again.

My, how time flies. It just seems like yesterday that I started working at the Crossings. April 1st marks the start of my 5th year. I have seen many of you come and go. I have seen your children grow up. I have had the pleasure of engaging many of you in thought provoking conversation and exchanging pleasantries as you pass through the Clubhouse office. I just want to express my gratitude to all of you who have made my time here so enjoyable.

Now, on with the show!

See ya real soon!

("Until Next Time" in English)

Andy Steinberg,
Clubhouse Supervisor



CONGRATULATIONS

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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 springtime again at Walnut Country Preschool! Last month our students learned about the spring weather and how gardens grow. The Walnut Country adults had great time at our annual silent auction. Desserts, sodas, and friendly bidding was enjoyed by all. Our students are looking forward to a visit from the Easter bunny and a fun egg hunt.

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 wcpschool@astound.net.

HOW TO ACCESS AGENDAS, MEETING MINUTES and GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

As a homeowner in the Crossings, you have special password-protected access to our community's most important documents. To gain access, visit: walnutcountry.com/resident-log-in and use the form to submit your information to be a verified user. Once verified, you'll be given a password to use on the website to see files and documents only viewed by homeowners. You may also visit our website and in the upper right click "Residents Log-in Here" to be taken to the same page.

This secure area offers:

- Board meeting agendas and minutes
- Board member email addresses
- CHOA Committee charters and meeting minutes
- CHOA governing documents including
 - Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs)
 - Bylaws
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Rules
- Annual and special reports
 - Community surveys
 - Town Hall presentations
 - Reserve studies

WALNUT COUNTRY SWIM TEAM NEWS

Ready for the best summer ever??

Become a Stingray at Walnut Country Swim Team!

Being apart of the team means a summer of making great friends, improving your strokes, and most of all fun! Kids and parents alike are sure to have a blast.

Swimmers of all ages and abilities are welcome.

Practice begins Monday, April 10th
so be sure to register soon.

We look forward to seeing you!

Go stingrays!

www.wcstingrays.com

Registration questions? Contact wcstsecretary@walnutcountry.com



Walnut Country Signal

SENIORS' POTLUCK DINNER

"Spring has Sprung." The budding trees and daffodils are sending the season's message.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 12th 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 before April 5th. New members are always welcome!



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Rental rate is \$350 for the lounge area (up to 8 hours). Game room is an additional \$50 and use of the fully equipped downstairs kitchen is an additional \$75.

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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