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WALNUT COUNTRY T-BALL

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Safety Seminar - Save the Date

The SOUND the ALARM (Save a Life) seminar held in the Clubhouse in March and produced by the Red Cross and Fire Department was a great success, as judged by the reports of those in attendance. This seminar focused on safety in the home. As an added bonus, the Red Cross has begun installing free 10-year smoke alarms in the homes of attendees. We urge everyone to attend the next safety seminar in our quarterly series - ***Disaster Preparedness, which will be held in the Clubhouse on June 10.*** We'll learn what to do in the event of an earthquake or wildfire and how to best prepare our homes and families. Lastly, if you have any safety topics you would like to see addressed in a future seminar, please contact the Business Office and let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Architectural Committee will have an opening in the near future. If you are interested in helping our Community maintain its beautiful appearance, please contact the Business office for more information and attend one or more of the Committee meetings that are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00pm in the Business Office.

The Safety and Security Committee is looking for another member. The Committee meets at 6:30 on the third Tuesday of every Month.

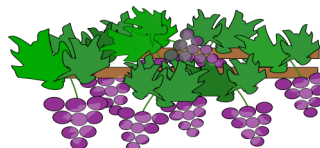
PICK UP YOUR GATE FOBS NOW!

Our new electronic gate entry system is up and running! All 4 pool gates and 3 of the 6 tennis gates (the 2 gates on the Greenbelt side of the upper courts and the Smoke Tree gate on the lower courts) can now be opened with either your current keys or the new fobs. (Of course, fobs and keys will only work when the pools are open for use.) On April 2, all ten of the pool and tennis court locks will be re-keyed and so the keys you now have will no longer work. Please don't wait until then. You can pick up your 2 free fobs (per household) any time the Clubhouse is open - noon to 8, M-S and noon to 6 on Sunday. Please be sure to bring your CHOA badge and picture ID showing that you live here. Tenants will need to pay a \$300 deposit, unless you have already done so for your pool key. And keep that pool key - you will still need it for the dog park.

Cowell Homeowners Association Presents



WALNUT COUNTRY/THE CROSSINGS 8th ANNUAL WINE TASTING EVENT



The Crossings Activities Committee is pleased to present our *8th Annual Wine Tasting* event on Sunday, May 20th from 3 - 6pm at the Clubhouse. This year we will be featuring wines from Australia and New Zealand. It is our hope to introduce you to wines you would not normally run across in your daily lives. We aim to expand your horizons AND your palate. To complement our selection of fine wines we will be providing a bounty of luscious cheeses, fruit, and chocolate. Space for the main wine tasting is limited to the first 125 people, and the maximum per household is 4 people.

Please RSVP to: <http://evite.me/eRDzdwpgXa>

RSVP deadline is May 13th.

Treasurer's Report (Year To Date)

BALANCE SHEET as of January 31, 2018

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Receivables	(4,425)
Prepaid Expenses	45,509
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>\$2,765,373</u>

Current Liabilities & Capital

Liabilities	\$194,803
Reserves	2,264,650
Owner's Equity	422,667
Income	26,944
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	<u>\$2,765,373</u>

Year-To-Date BUDGET REPORT

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Over (or under) Budget</u>
Total Revenues	\$258,361	\$247,506	\$10,855
Operating Expenses			
Payroll/Benefits/Taxes	\$18,129	\$23,666	\$(5,537)
Management Expenses	31,499	32,166	667
Office Equip/Supplies	2,217	4,766	(2,549)
Professional Services	2,454	3,516	(1,062)
Facilities Repair/Maint.	34,152	44,030	9,878
Insurance	8,882	10,422	(1,540)
Security Expenses	6,123	8,066	(1,943)
Tax & Licenses	2,451	2,148	303
Utilities	14,053	19,498	(5,445)
Recreation	5,181	5,164	17
Miscellaneous Expense	115	398	(283)
Capital Acquisitions	9,300	6,666	(2,634)
WCST Expenses	3,394	24,168	20,775
Reserve Expenses	50,492	50,492	(9,907)
Total Operating Expense	\$188,441	\$235,166	\$(46,725)
Net Income	\$69,920	\$12,340	\$(7,580)

President's Corner – April 2018

Fellow Residents,

Sound the Alarm success! March 18th was the first in a series of quarterly safety seminars provided by the Safety & Security Advisory Committee for our residents. Nearly 50 residents participated in a home fire safety education and awareness seminar put on by the Red Cross and Contra Costa Fire Protection. This informative and valuable session included videos on fire prevention, safety tips, handouts, and culminated with sign-ups for a free fire safety home inspection and 10 - year smoke detectors installed at no cost. As of this writing, nearly all who signed up have received their brand new smoke detectors installed by the Red Cross. Safety & Security committee member John Earthy was instrumental in the seminar and handled the installation of the smoke detectors with the Red Cross volunteer team.

The next Safety & Security seminar is scheduled for June 10th, and will focus on earthquake preparedness safety. Keep an eye out for more information and signups coming soon via Evite.

Congratulations to Stephen Sulyma who officially started on March 26th in his new position as Clubhouse Manager. Stephen is a lifelong Crossings resident and has been a valuable clubhouse assistant for the last six years. Stephen replaces recently retired Recreation Director Andy Steinberg and will have expanded hours and responsibilities including assisting the CHOA General Manager. Please welcome Stephen in his new role.

PG&E is returning! We have been notified that PG&E will begin gas line replacement work on many of the east courts as early as late April. Residents will be receiving notification of the streets affected and an approximate time line for the project. This project is part of an ongoing program to replace old gas lines with safe modern equipment. Just as with the South Larwin project, streets will be trenched and covered during the work. All pavement and sidewalks affected will be repaired by PG&E to the condition prior to the start of the project.

Next HOA board meeting is April 26th.
See you then!

Barry Collins, President

*** SAFETY & SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ***

CAR BREAK-INS

In recent weeks we have had several reports of items being taken from vehicles in the Crossings. In almost all cases, the vehicles were left unlocked creating an open invitation for the bad guys to steal your personal belongings. We know that these individuals go through our neighborhood and look for easy opportunities to steal. Please remember to always lock and alarm your vehicle. A secure vehicle is the number one deterrent to preventing vehicle related crime. If you see individuals that do not appear to belong in the neighborhood please call Concord PD. Increased patrols will help drive out the bad guys.

MAIL THEFT

Mail theft continues to be the most popular type of theft in the Crossings. Please consider a locking mail box to better prevent mail theft. Did you know that the USPS has a scanning service available to residents? This service will scan up to 10 pieces of mail daily and email to you what is scheduled to be delivered that day.

You can get more information and sign up at:
informedelivery.usps.com.

NEW CURB CUTS

Concord recently finished upgrading three more of our courts with curb cuts and ramps at the corners. A total of six corners have been completed in the last month to further update our streets to make it safer to walk on the sidewalks. The Safety Committee strongly recommends that all foot traffic, walking, jogging, pushing strollers be done on the sidewalk and not in the streets.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING DAY

DATE: APRIL 21

WHERE: IN FRONT OF THE CHOA CLUBHOUSE

TIME: 9:00AM—1:00PM

Sponsored by Nancy Bennett

REWARD

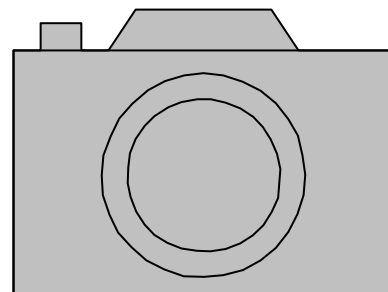
The Board of Directors is prepared to pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who willfully destroys or damages association property, including graffiti. If you know of or see someone using a marking pen, paint pen, or spray paint, etc. to deface property within 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
First Security	877-900-1110
CHOA Business Office	925-687-9961
Clubhouse Office	925-825-0250
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
PGE- Electrical Outage	800-743-5002
PGE- Gas	800-743-5000
Concord Code Enforcement	925-671-3075

CHOA "THANK YOU" BOX

This month we'd like to recognize **Marilyn Jong Low**. Marilyn has taken it upon herself to become the un-official Walnut Country photographer at all our CHOA events. She takes wonderful pictures and always posts them on the Walnut Country (The Crossings) Facebook page. A big thank you to Marilyn!



Andy Steinberg, Recreation Director

Clubhouse Office

925-825-0250

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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 17: "The Oregon Trail"
by Rinker Buck

May 15: "Artemis"
by Andy Weir

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THE
CLUBHOUSE @ 6:30PM

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY May 15th

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Book Club



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

*Thank
you*

VIEW FROM THE CLUBHOUSE.

Hello Walnut Country, my name is Stephen, and I am the new Recreation Director here at the Clubhouse. I've lived in this neighborhood for the last twenty-five years and have been working in the clubhouse as an assistant since 2011. With our former Director Andy Steinberg retiring, it seemed to be perfect timing for me to step up and take on this new role.

I've spent a lot of time thinking about this community, our events, what we offer to homeowners, both as a resident, and an employee. With that, I see more potential for growth in the services and activities we offer to residents of all ages. I've had the privilege of growing alongside this community, and I look forward to this new opportunity in having a more direct effect in maintaining and evolving this unique neighborhood.

Finally I would like to thank everybody who has helped me get this far over the past 6 1/2 years here at the Clubhouse. I want to thank Roman Scalise for helping me get the job in the first place, our resident Tennis Pro, Thor Schreck for hiring me all those years ago, all the fellow recreation assistants who have come and gone over the years (Alfie, Andrew, Dave, Katerina, Marissa and Matthew) and finally a big thank you to the Board of Directors and property manager Pat Magee for all their help and support through this process.

Stephen Sulyma
Clubhouse Supervisor

Walnut Country T-Ball League

Registration begins May 1st!

Season begins June 11th!

Call or e-mail the clubhouse office for more
Information!

925-825-0250

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Recreation, Preschool & Communications News

WALNUT COUNTRY PRESCHOOL

We are happy to welcome spring at Preschool! Last month we learned about spring weather and how gardens grow. This month we will learn all about birds, butterflies and bees. We all are looking forward to an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

Please join us for our next **Dine & Donate** event on Thursday, **April 26th**, from 11am-10pm at **BJ's** at Sun Valley Mall. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support!

WALNUT COUNTRY SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

www.wcstingrays.com

PRESEASON BEGINS MONDAY APRIL 16th

Mail or drop off registration materials at the
CHOA Business office - 4498 Lawson Ct Concord

Any questions, please contact WCST Secretary, Michelle Ulicki -
wcstsecretary@walnutcountry.com



DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT OTHER SWIMMERS

- Be aware that swim diapers won't prevent leaks or contamination. Encourage your children to visit the potty before taking a dip.
- Before swimming, wash your young child (especially his or her bottom), thoroughly with soap and water.
- Take your child to the bathroom often during a day of swimming. Wash your hands and your child's thoroughly with soap after a potty break.
- Keep kids out of the pool altogether if they have any sign of diarrhea.
- Change diapers in the bathroom, not at poolside.
- If you see feces in the pool, tell a lifeguard.

“The individual has always had to struggle to keep from being overwhelmed by the tribe. If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself.”

— Friedrich Nietzsche

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SENIORS' POTLUCK DINNER

The tax-man cometh! Take a break from your patriotic duty of filling out tax forms to join the seniors' potluck group on Wednesday, April 11th.



Let them eat cake!

The next potluck will be held on
Wednesday, May 9th

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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.**

Have a special occasion fast approaching?
Call us... operators are standing by!

INTERESTED IN SOME CHOA GEAR?

We just replenished the Walnut Country/The Crossings logo tee shirt and baseball hat inventory! They can be purchased at the Clubhouse office between the hours of 12–8pm Monday through Saturday and 12–6pm on Sundays.

Prices are as follows:

Cotton T-Shirts: Adult sizes small to XXL - \$20

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