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The Christmas Feast

The Christmas Holidays are not only a time for religious worship. It is the season for celebrating who we are and where we come from. It is the time when extended families come together for traditional Holiday celebrating. How is the Holiday Season celebrated by our neighbors?

Brazilians eat turkey, ham, rice, salads, grapefruits, apples and other deserts. The adults drink wine.

On Christmas Eve, Canadians dine on various kinds of seafood and fish, served with all the trimmings. Christmas Day, they celebrate with a family dinner of turkey, ham, or roast beef with all kinds side dishes and desserts.

Chileans dine on turkey and an array of salads, seafood, and olives, accompanied by local wines. Desserts include Pan de Pascua, a sweet Christmas bread. Fruits, cakes and cookies are a welcome treat.

Cubans eat a meal of roast pork, black beans over rice. Fried mashed plantains and yucca is served. Desserts, like flan and almond nougat, candied quinces, guavas and walnuts are served with Cuban coffee.

Ecuadorians feast on chicken, roast lamb, or turkey, along with baked potatoes. Fruits, and desserts like capritoda, cakes and cookies are eaten with great relish.

Jamaicans feast on rice and gungo peas, chicken, oxtail and curried goat. They drink Sorrel, made from dried sorrel sepals, cinnamon, cloves, sugar, orange peel and rum. It is usually served over ice.

In Mexico, turkey with cranberry-chili sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetables, turkey soup, cod with chili gravy is served. Punch with marshmallows is drunk.

Puerto Ricans eat roast pig, rice cooked with pigeon peas. Pies are filled with mashed cassava or plantain, shredded meat, chick peas, olives, and raisins. Coconut pudding or white rice is cooked with coconut milk and raisins. Puerto Rican eggnog is traditionally served.

Nicaraguans dine on rellenos, stuffed with raisins and turkey, nacatamal, home-made sweets, tortillas, rosquillas and picos. Soft drinks and various cocktails are served.

In Venezuela, Christmas Dinner consists of hallacas, pan de jamon, pavo, pernil de cochino and dulce de Lechosa.

No matter where you were born and no matter what your family celebrates, the wish is that you and your family take the time to really enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season.

Directors Wanted

Do you want to have a say in how Crown Colony operates? Well, here is your opportunity to be the one that has a direct influence on the decisions made about the community in which you live. Why not become a candidate for a seat on the Crown Colony Board of Directors?

Candidates for the board must be members in good standing who have not been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court or been convicted of a felony. "Member" means a person who holds legal title to the property (i.e., is named in the deed for the property). Co-owners of one or more units may not serve on the board at the same time.

Anyone who wishes to become a candidate for election to the Board may leave their name and address at the Association Office. The deadline for submission of your name as a candidate for Crown's Board is 5:00 pm, January 8, 2010.

All Candidates are required to complete a Board Resume form available from the Association Office. They also must submit an article of 150 words or less for publication in the "Crown Colonist" stating why they want to serve on the Board. Both completed documents must be received by the Association Office no later than 5:00 pm, January 15, 2010.



**OBEY all traffic signs and Association Rules and Regulations.
Do not park in a RED ZONE or over 72 HOURS in a VISITOR SPACE without
CCHOA permission. You will NOT be called. You WILL be TOWED.
DO NOT drive the wrong-way or back down ONE-WAY streets. The fine is \$100!**



Happy Holidays

from the Management & Staff of Crown Colony

Holiday Hours...

In observance of the Christmas and New Years holidays, the Association Office and the Clubhouse will be closed on Thursday & Friday, December 24th and 25th. The Rec Office will reopen on Saturday, December 26th.

The Association Office and the Clubhouse will close at noon on Thursday, December 31st and will remain closed through Friday, January 1, 2010. The Rec Office will reopen on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

Remember, you are unable to add value to your laundry card when the Clubhouse is closed.

Holiday Leaves...

The Holidays are coming. It's a time when some of you will be going away for extended periods of time to visit relatives and renew old acquaintanceships.

If you are planning to leave Crown Colony for an extended period of time and wish to park one of your cars in the same visitor parking space for more than 72 hours, you must fill out a visitor's parking form which is available from the Association office.

If the Office is unaware that you are out of town, your car will be towed at your expense. Towing and City release fees now total over \$500.

Kids' Christmas Party...

Please join us for a night of fun and treats at Crown Colony's Annual Children's Holiday and Tree Trimming Party. Santa Claus will be there to join in the festivities!

When? Saturday, December 12, 2009

What time? 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where? At the Clubhouse

Admission is free, but please **bring an ornament for the tree**. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served to all. So call 991-3441 right now and make your reservations for Christmas fun.



Contact us via e-mail at
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On the Web:
<http://www.crowncolonyhoa.com>

Xmas Tree Safety...

There is nothing like a live tree at Christmas. When you purchase your Christmas tree, make sure it has been protected with **fire retardant**.

When you get your tree home, **set it in a water stand**. Protecting your tree from fire will keep you and your neighbors safe.

Xmas Boxes...

Every Christmas, Crown Colony's garbage chutes seem to get clogged with wrapping and boxes that are too large for them to handle. Please do not try and put large boxes down the garbage chutes.

Please collapse all boxes and take them down to the recycling bins located throughout the complex.

Moving...


When you are moving into or out of Crown Colony, you must make your move between the hours 7:00am and 10:00pm. No moves are permitted before 7:00am or after 10:00pm. There are no exceptions to this rule. No trucks being used for a move are allowed to remain parked on Crown Colony property overnight. Any moving truck will have to be parked on Hickey Blvd. or somewhere else off of the property.

Xmas Tree Disposal...

After the holidays are over, please dispose of your Christmas tree by placing it in the dumpster at the end of Half Moon Lane behind the Chevron station or leave it in the garage level of one of the corridor buildings for disposal. Crown Colony's groundsmen will dispose of your tree for you.

Please **do not** toss the tree over your balcony railing. Your tree could seriously injure someone walking beneath your balcony on one of Crown Colony's paths.

NO SMOKING
in the Corridors, Elevators,
Laundries, Gyms or Clubhouse



Happy Holidays

from the Crown Colony Board of Directors



October Highlights

Financial Report Ending September 30, 2009: Bautista & Co. reflected a surplus for the month of \$27,815.49, an ending cash balance of \$1,722,980 and total investments of \$1,365,424 which is designated to reserves.

Ratification of Window and Door Installations: The Board ratified the installation of window and door at 382 Imperial Way #2.

Building and Maintenance Transmittal #5 - Accounting Service Contract: The Board approved the renewal contract with Bautista & Co. for \$41,400 annually and is no increase from last year's contract.

Building and Maintenance Transmittal #6 - Staffing Service Agreement: The Board approved the renewal contract with Tag Associates for staffing services for an administrative fee of 4% of the gross wages which represents no increase from last year.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #7 - Fire Alarm Service Contract: The Board approved the proposal from Pacific Signaling to perform the fire alarm testing for an annual cost of \$7,980 which represents no increase from last year's cost.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #8 - Landscaping Service Contract: The Board approved the proposal from Ideal Landscaping to perform the landscaping services for \$84,600 annually and is no increase from last year's cost.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal#9 - Clubhouse Window Washing Contract: The Board approved the proposal from CityWide Building Services for the window washing in the clubhouse, laundry rooms, inner courtyard buildings and clubhouse front entrance overhang for an annual cost of \$3,652 which represents a \$102 increase from last year's cost.

Building & Maintenance Transmittal #10 - Clubhouse Heating and A/C Services - Bal-aire Mechanical: The Board approved the proposal from Bal-aire Mechanical to make the necessary quarterly services to the heating and A/C system in the clubhouse for a cost of \$475 per

quarter or an annual cost of \$1,900 which represents no increase from last year's cost.

Building & Maintenance #11 - Reserve Study Update Proposal: The Board approved the proposal from John D. Beatty Co. to prepare the reserve study update for a cost of \$1,750.

Semi-Annual Carpet Cleaning Proposal for all 3-Story Buildings and Clubhouse - PCS of Bay Area: The Board approved the proposal from PCS of Bay Area for the semi-annual carpet cleaning for a cost of \$8,480 to be funded from line #5190.

Trip Hazard Repairs - Precision Concrete Cutting: The Board approved the proposals from Precision Concrete Cutting to make the necessary trip hazard repairs in various locations for a cost \$7,978.88 to be funded from line #9928.

Gutter and Down Spout Cleaning - Urban Bros: The Board approved the proposal from Urban Bros. to clean the down spouts and gutter at all 3-story buildings, townhouse buildings and the clubhouse for a cost of \$6,250 to be funded from line #9947

Authorization for Sunrise to Proceed with Recording Notice of Delinquent Assessments: The Board authorized Sunrise Assessments Services to record notice of delinquent assessments for T.S.#s 14848 and #14849.

Save Water

Water conservation has many advantages. When you conserve water you save money, energy and help protect the environment. Here are some ways you can save water in your kitchen:

Install an aerator or flow restrictor on the sink faucet. Use the sink garbage disposal sparingly. Use a garbage can or compost pile instead. Soak pots and pans before washing. Use a minimum amount of dish soap. Run the dishwasher only when it is full and avoid extra cycles. Thaw frozen food in your refrigerator or microwave, not under running water



PLEASE do not leave bottles, cans, newspapers, or other trash on top of your parking space's locker. Thank you!

PLEASE only deck furniture, grills, planters, pots & approved storage on decks & patios. No brooms, mops or pots on rails

