

CROWN COLONIST



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Join your neighbors at
The 30th Annual Meeting
Saturday, March 20, 2010
Gellert Park Clubhouse
50 Wembley Drive, Daly City, CA
Donuts & Coffee - 8:30am
Meeting - 9:00am
Come! Learn about your Association

Sweepstakes

At its December 1998 Meeting, the Board voted to award the following as sweepstakes prizes to the winners of the drawing at the Annual Meetings:

- (1) Credit for one month's dues;
- (2) \$150 credit towards one month's dues;
- (3) \$100 credit towards one month's dues;
- (4) \$50 credit towards one month's dues;
- (5) \$50 Macy's Gift Certificate; and
- (6) \$50 Outback Restaurant Gift Certificate.

The Outback Certificate is donated by Common Interest Management Systems (CIMS). All winners will receive credit toward their regular assessment account.

Only members who attend the Annual Meeting are eligible for sweepstake prizes. Don't take a chance of missing the opportunity to be a lucky winner.

Whether by foot, bus, car or bike, come to the Annual Meeting. Enjoy coffee, donuts and conversation before the meeting begins.

Let Us Drive

Save yourself gas, energy and the frustration of looking for a parking space. Take the Crown Colony bus to the Gellert Park Clubhouse for the Annual Meeting when you attend on March 20, 2010.

Catch the Bus At the Clubhouse or the Front Gate

The bus will leave Crown Colony at regular intervals beginning at 8:00am and will continue pick-ups until 9:00am. The bus will begin making return trips at 11:00am and will continue until 11:30am.



**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!**

Stop the Raids of Local Funds

*By: David J. Canepa,
Member, Daly City City Council*

The start of a new year is always an important time to reflect on the past and make resolutions for the future. As a Daly City Council member, part of that reflection includes an evaluation of the state of our city and our region, and deciding what changes we, as your locally elected representatives, need to make to improve the quality of the services we provide local to residents.

This year, more than ever, it is increasingly clear that in order to protect and improve the services we provide to Daly City residents, we must take action to stop the State's irresponsible practice of raiding, borrowing or otherwise redirecting funds that are supposed to go to local government: cities, counties and special districts.

Despite the fact that California voters previously passed a measure to stop State politicians from taking local government funds, State lawmakers continuously find and exploit loopholes in the law to borrow, raid or shift city and county funds for State purposes. To stop such raids, I have joined with a coalition of local elected officials, public safety officials, business and labor leaders, public transit and transportation advocates which recently began collecting signatures to qualify the "Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act" for California's November 2010 statewide ballot.

If passed, this Act will close these loopholes and prevent the State from borrowing or raiding local government funds, including funds earmarked for cities in San Mateo, San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. It also protects the existing gas taxes we pay at the pump, which voters have dedicated to public transit services, as well as transportation improvements like pothole and road safety repairs.

California's cities, counties and special districts provide the most important services that we all rely on, including fire protection and emergency response services, law enforcement, parks, libraries, and after school programs for at-risk youth. Local governments also run community health clinics, operate public hospitals, and provide senior services, welfare and social services for

our low-income families. We operate public transit systems, providing bus, rail and shuttle services that get families to work, school, medical appointments or to the grocery store.

These vital local services have taken a devastating hit in recent years, in part because of a sagging economy and because year after year state lawmakers have raided billions of dollars in local government funds.

In just the last budget cycle, State lawmakers borrowed approximately \$2 billion from local government's property taxes and took \$2.05 billion in local redevelopment funding. These funds are vital in providing affordable housing, jobs and economic growth in urban areas. In Governor Schwarzenegger's most recent state budget proposal, released January 8, a shift of a whopping \$1.5 billion from transit agencies statewide has been proposed.

Locally, because of State raids and our own budgetary problems, cities from San Francisco to Gilroy have been forced to take drastic measures to balance their budgets. For example, Brisbane's elimination of two police officers reduced the city's patrol coverage ability and the elimination of three firefighters led to increased overtime costs due to the decrease in staff.

Daly City, facing a \$4.6 million deficit for 2009-10, had to cut 40 vacant full-time positions and reduce services across the board. San Carlos lost seven police officers and ten miscellaneous full-time employees due to their 20 percent reduction in staff.

By stopping State raids of local government and transportation funds, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act will keep more of our local tax dollars local, thus providing more accountability to local residents. It will also safeguard vital public safety, transportation and other local government services from further devastating cuts.

We need to collect more than 1 million signatures to ensure this measure qualifies for the statewide ballot. We encourage you to sign the petition. Seek out the signature gatherers in front of your local grocery store or strip mall. You can request a petition online and get more information at www.savelocalservices.com.

As we look back on 2010 twelve months from now, it will be rewarding to know that we banded together with the voters of California to protect local taxpayers and local government services from continued State raids.



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

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





**Daylight Savings Time
Begins
Sunday March 14, 2010**

Budget Committee

Do you enjoy working with numbers? Would you like to help the Association save money? Would you like to have a voice in how the Association spends its money? If the answer to any or all of these questions is yes, why not join the 2010/11 Crown Colony Budget Committee chaired this year by John Macdonald.

The next meeting will be:

March 9 . . . Reserves, Contingency & Construction

The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30pm and is held in the Clubhouse.

So come join us on the Budget Committee.

Board Highlights

Financial Report Ending November 30, 2009: Bautista & Co. reflected a deficit for the month of \$17,357, an ending cash balance of \$1,739,630 and total investments of \$1,332,167 which is designated to reserves.

Financial Report Ending December 31, 2009: Bautista & Co. reflected a deficit for the month of \$8,534, an ending cash balance of \$1,651,218 and total investments of \$1,350,388 which is designated to reserves.

Ratification of Window and Sliding Glass Door Installations: The Board ratified the installation of a new window and door at 365 Half Moon Lane #5.

Ratification of Electric Fireplace Installations: The Board ratified the electric fireplace installation at 375 Mandarin Dr. #302.

Ratification of Proposal from Dan Butler & Associates to open Walls at 397 Imperial Way #303: The Board ratified the proposal from Dan Butler & Associates for a cost of \$1,718.75 funded from line #5315.

Ratification of Irrigation Line Repairs at Bldg. 2 - Ideal Landscape: The Board ratified the Building 2 underground irrigation repairs by Ideal Landscape for a cost of \$4,975 to be funded from line #9953.

Addendum to Satellite Dish/Cable Installation Guidelines: The Board approved the addendum to the satellite dish and cable installation guidelines to only allow one cable line on the exterior of the building and that any additional lines must be installed inside the unit.

Annual Jettering of 2", 3" and 4" Lines - Golden Gate Plumbing - Line #5195: The Board approved the proposal from Golden Gate Plumbing to perform the annual jettering of the plumbing lines in the garages of the 3-story buildings for a cost of \$11,000 to be funded from line #5195.

Authorization to Proceed with Recording of Notice of Delinquent Assessments: The Board authorized Sunrise Assessment Service to proceed with the recording of Notice of Delinquent Assessments for TS#s 15291, 15292, 15293, 15294, 15295, 15296, 15297, 15298, 15299, 15352, 15446, 15445.

Mail Your Ballots

If you have not yet voted and returned your 30th Annual Meeting Ballot, please do so on or before March 19, 2010. Since 1993, the Board has had the following meeting policy: If a quorum is not met at the annual meeting, owners who have not submitted a ballot will be assessed \$25 to offset the expense of a second meeting.

Remember in order to reach a quorum, one-third of all owners must mail or bring their ballot to the Association Office. It must be received by the Office no later than 4:00pm Friday, March 19, 2010.

March Events

American Red Cross Month

Women's History Month

National Reading Day, March 2

World Maths Day, the 1st Wednesday in March

International Women's Day, March 8

Save a Spider Day, March 14

Saint Patrick's Day, March 17

Spring Begins, March 20

World Water Day, March 22

Greek War of Independence, March 25, 1821

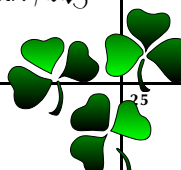


**PLEASE do not leave bottles, cans, newspapers, or other trash on top of your parking space's locker.
Thank you!**

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



March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
7	8	9 Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	10	11	12	13 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 30 th Annual Meeting Gellert Park Clubhouse Meeting - 9:00 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Coffee & Donuts 50¢ each 10:30am
28	29	30	31	Clubhouse Hours Mon. thru Sat. 10 am - 10 pm, Sun. 10 am - 6 pm Recreation office: 991-3441 Staff: Ferdie & Anne		

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379 Imperial Way
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architecture: 2nd Mon. 7:00 pm
Building, Maintenance & Finance: 1st Mon. 7:00 pm
Communications: When posted
Grievance: 1st Wed. 6:00 pm
Recreation: When posted

Meetings are held in the Clubhouse unless posted otherwise.
All meeting times approximate

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Front Gate (24 Hours) 994-0255
or dial 350 on any Building Directory
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Millbrae, CA 94030
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Avelix Cueto – 650-683-2072
Comcast Cable 1-800-945-2288
Craig Oborn – 650-642-0658
Coinmach Laundry 1-877-264-6622
or www.coinmach.com

BUS to BART

Monday thru Friday

Leaves Crown Colony

6:20 am	7:05 am	8:05 am
6:35 am	7:25 am	8:25 am
6:50 am	7:45 am	8:40 am

Leaves Colma BART

4:35 pm	5:35 pm	6:30 pm
4:55 pm	5:55 pm	6:50 pm
5:15 pm	6:15 pm	7:05 pm

Schedule subject to change