



*Quote of the Quarter:  
"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou*

# Crown Pointe *focus*

## 2021 BOARD MESSAGE

For many, 2020 has been a rollercoaster of anxiety, stress and emotional unsettlement. We were confronted with the realities of the pandemic, civil unrest, economic shifts, and the loss of friends and acquaintances. We felt this as a nation and as a Long Beach community. Yet, as a community, we found sweet spots and developed bonds despite our distance. In Crown Pointe (CP) we did our best to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions, but we relished in our small group, outdoor "wine downs" that made us smile when they waved to us, experienced safety breaches that were met with greater empathy and compassion; and we bonded together to emotionally support those needing emergency medical care. We picked up packages for neighbors on "vacay" to alleviate their worries, babysat others' pets, and got closer to nature by being outside and walking more while others created some amazing quarantine home improvement projects. We respected each other enough to talk at a safe social distance while laughing with our eyes. We said "sayonara" to long time neighbors and hello to new ones. We bid farewell to valued residents Don & Carolyn Mask, Board VP and former Treasurer, and Social Committee Chair and LAC member.

Next year, BMG the Board, and the Landscape/Architectural Committee and CPATF will continue efforts to address safety and infrastructure projects which are critical to maintaining the aesthetics of our "crown jewels" impacted by rising costs. We strive to be fiscally prudent but also realistic about cost increases and upcoming deferred maintenance. With BMG, the Board is reviewing our revenue base that has not been adjusted in about 15 years. Safety remains a priority and is an important aspect of protecting the appreciable value of our community. We applaud the continued efforts of CPATF to investigate options and organize a community meeting in February.

**Awareness Task Force**  
(CPATF) – Audria, Neil, Byron &  
William CPATF@aol.com

Here are some commonsense **TIPs** to practice in the New Year.

**LOCK** all of your doors and windows when you leave.

Leave a **LIGHT** on after dark when you're not at home.

**LOCK** your front & back gates after dark; lock car doors always.

**LOOK OUT** for your neighbors and report any suspicious activity to BMG or the police.

Leave valuables and important papers in your car out of sight.

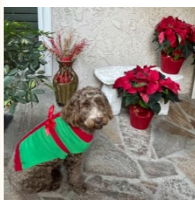
**REPORT** any streetlamps in the community that are not working.

**DON'T** open your doors to strangers.

The holidays may have looked a little different this year and crime appears to be up in some of our surrounding neighborhoods; fortunately, our Crown Pointe community has experienced no reported crime within our gates during November and December. Terrylyn however, was not as fortunate. There was one trespassing event and a package theft reported (a car theft was reported in October). As CP residents we are all saddened to hear of such incidents in our community and any violation of our properties/homes warrants concern. These are reminders to continue to practice due diligence and not let your guard down. Over the past year, the CPATF has researched and collected information on security cameras and maintaining and enhancing the Del Mar perimeter wall. A community engagement meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Emergency Preparedness

Due to COVID-19, the CPATF was unable to simulate an evacuation drill, but will plan to do so in the new year. Please continue updating all aspects of your family's plan. **TIPS:** Update emergency contacts, including using your cell phone emergency contact features ∞ Identify a trusted neighbor to contact in the event of a personal emergency ∞ Check your home maintenance schedule (ex: A/C, fireplace) ∞ Review your insurance policies.



**NINA's words....** "Ruff-Ruff". I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I've recently noticed that some of you are not picking up your dog's 'business' while on your walks. Please remember that having a clean environment is important to our health and for the full enjoyment of the grassy knolls. Remember to bring your best friend's poopy bags as you stroll the community. Hope to see you frolicking around in 2021. Stay Safe Pals – "Ruff"

**LANDSCAPE & ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE (L/A)** - The L/A Committee warmly welcomes its newest member, Teri Staniford. Teri graciously accepted the position and will fulfill the remainder of the term held by Carolyn Mask. Teri and her husband Rob reside on Avery Place and share an expressed and demonstrated concern in our overall community. We are so pleased to have her on board. We said farewell to the Masks family earlier this month, as they departed California to enjoy retirement life in Arizona. The community will surely miss the volunteer service rendered by Carolyn Mask, former Social Committee Chair and Landscape/Architectural Committee member – LAC - Linda, Ehsan



## LANDSCAPE

As shared in the last newsletter article, the first charge given to Brightview Landscape was to complete a thorough assessment of the community's irrigation system, a very mature system in dire need of attention. We are pleased to share that this crucial step, which included needed repairs, has been completed. Naturally, due to the age of the system, continued repairs/adjustments will be required periodically. Now that the thorough assessment has been completed, small landscape projects throughout the community are being accomplished. Small projects have been completed on Terrylynn Place and Edith Way. A list of small projects will next be completed on Marion Way. Following the completion of these projects, a focus will be given to Avery Place. In a rotation manner, landscape projects will continue. In addition, mulching of flower beds has begun and will soon continue throughout Crown Pointe. The committee is attempting to be strategic; however, as urgent concerns/needs arise throughout the community, they will be addressed to the best of our ability.

We have learned from our landscape vendor that our lawn areas consist of warm-season grasses (a combination of grasses). Such grasses thrive in summer heat and go dormant when the temperature drops. It is typical for warm season grasses to enter dormancy in the fall and stay dormant all winter long. This knowledge helps to explain the current condition of the combination grasses in our community. Please be patient as we enjoy the colder weather and look forward to the improved appearance of our lawns in the Spring.

**ARCHITECTURAL** Several architectural projects have been noted throughout the community which **REQUIRE** HOA Board approval; however, in many cases this necessary approval was not granted. Please adhere to established rules and regulations by submitting Architectural Request forms to the attention of Debbie Schneider [Debbie.Schneider@balimgmt.com](mailto:Debbie.Schneider@balimgmt.com).

## Homeowner's Corner

Participate in our monthly HOA meeting (every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday via Zoom during Covid-19) and share ideas on how you'd like to improve Crown Pointe.

**Vendor/Contract Referrals** - Need a referral for services from your neighbor or have a recommendation? Email [carinaslepian@gmail.com](mailto:carinaslepian@gmail.com) for a list of referrals for pool improvement/servicers, handymen, plumbers, electricians, security cameras/ home automation, bathroom remodels, roofing, pest/termite control. *These are recommendations from neighbors and not associated with BMG/Board.*

**COVID-19** - Simply- Wear your Mask- Maintain 6ft distance. LB [stats](#), [health information](#), [testing](#), and [information for businesses](#). LA County stats are available [here](#). **#WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

Website <https://www.crownpointehoa.com>

**RESIDENTS MUST REGISTER AND OBTAIN A LOG-IN**

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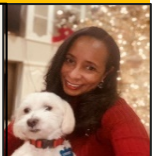
## Thinking about how to serve your community??

Join the Los Cerritos/Bixby Knolls Clean Streets Group EVERY Sunday from 8am-9am to clean up our streets and parks. It is a great community effort and a way you can be "part of the solution, not the pollution". Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Next-Door.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The end of the year brought change to the Social Committee (SOC). Over the last 4 years, I assisted Carolyn Mask, former Chair of the SOC. As Carolyn & Don now enjoy their retirement in Arizona, I will assume leadership of the SOC. These are some huge shoes to fill as Carolyn planned great community events/parties. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 restrictions, the Summer Get Together and the Holiday Cookie Exchange hosted by my husband Sean and I, could not occur. That is how 2020 has gone, but 2021 is around the corner and I am planning to have a meeting for those that want to get more involved. If you want to volunteer or share your creative ideas email: [crystal.radford77@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.radford77@gmail.com)

*A new role of the SoC is to meet and greet our new residents. We welcome Bonnie and Lucky at 4003 Marion Way!! Make sure and say hello!!*



## The New You in the New Year

As we reach the end of an especially eventful year, I'm probably not the only one reflecting on the past and looking ahead to a brave New Year.

As many of you know, I was a yoga monk and lived in a monastery for 35 years. In my senior year at USC, the last book I read was called "Future Shock" by the futurist, Alvin Toffler, which included a list of very detailed predictions about what life would be like 50 years in the future – in the year 2020. He wrote about things like overwhelm and "over choice" and forecasted people increasingly under stress because they'd have to learn so much, so fast. He wrote, "The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot do three things: 1) learn, 2) un-learn and 3) re-learn."

During those 50 years, I learned a lot, but I continue to give myself credit for un-learning, too. To me, "un-learning" is necessary to create "disc space" in my brain! As long as I cling to my old-school habits and thinking, it's hard to be open to change and innovative ideas. My thousands of hours of meditation in the ashram continue to help me remain calm, even in the midst of crazy times. Everything comes and goes. That's why I'm an optimist. My wife Carina and daughter Zoe and I are happy. We love living in Crown Pointe, and we appreciate our wonderful neighbors. It's my hope that all of us will reach out to each other and connect on deeper levels in the New Year. Life goes by pretty fast. So, if you see an old, bald guy walking around with his beautiful Asian wife, don't hesitate to introduce yourself – even from six feet!

-- Your neighbor on Avery, Craig Marshall